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See Casey County children's letters to Santa Claus in next week's special section

BRIEFS

Commodities

Commodities will be distributed to income-eligible residents from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today (Wednesday) Dec. 12 at the Casey County Recycling Center. Recipients are asked to bring their own containers.

Toys for Kids

The Casey County Community Ministries Toys for Kids distribution will take place from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Central Kentucky AG/EXPO Center. Co-chairman Jo Wilkinson said all parents who were approved for the program should have received a letter notifying them of the time and location of the distribution.

Meetings

Liberty City Council will have a special-called meeting at 8 a.m. today (Wednesday, Dec. 12) at City Hall. Its regular scheduled meeting has been canceled.

Early Holiday Deadlines

The Casey County News will have early deadlines for advertising and editorial items for the Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 issues. For more information, see page 12.

Local Weather

Wed 12/12 48/25 Mostly sunny skies. High 48F. Winds light and variable.

Thu 12/13 53/30 Sunshine. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.

Fri 12/14 56/35 A few clouds. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 30s.

Sat 12/15 56/48 Showers possible. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 40s.

Sun 12/16 55/35 Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 30s.

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Third person indicted in Pyles murder

By Larry Rowell
Staff Writer

A Casey County grand jury has indicted a local man on charges that he aided in the shooting death of Wendell Gleason Pyles at Tarter Manufacturing in Dunnville on Sept. 26.

Anthony Lee Byrd, 53, of 853 River Road, Dunnville, was indicted on Monday on a charge of criminal facilitation to commit murder and

first-degree hindering prosecution or apprehension.

Byrd joins William R. "Bobby" Rigdon and David Salyers in allegedly playing a role in Gleason's murder.

According to the indictment, Byrd knew that Rigdon and Salyers were going to shoot Pyles and he provided them the means and opportunity which aided in the murder.

Byrd is also facing a charge that he knowingly

and unlawfully hindered the apprehension of another person being sought by authorities.

Byrd was arrested by KSP Post 15 detectives about 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, according to a KSP press release.

Casey County Circuit Court Clerk Craig Overstreet said that Byrd's bond was set at \$50,000 cash or secured property.

KSP Public Information

Officer William Gregory declined comment on how Byrd aided in the murder, other than being a maintenance supervisor at Tarter's and Pyles' immediate supervisor.

Also, the grand jury returned indictments on Monday against Rigdon and Salyers.

Rigdon, 28, of St. Rose Road, Lebanon, was indicted on charges of murder, being a persistent felony offender,

and possession of a handgun by a convicted felon.

Salyers, 59, of 12764 Liberty Road, Campbellsville, was indicted on charges of complicity to commit murder.

In a pretrial hearing on Oct. 17 in Casey Circuit Court, KSP Detective B.J. Burton testified that Pyles was working at Tarter Industries on Sept. 26 when Rig-

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Taxing districts to be held accountable

By Larry Rowell
Staff Writer

A recently released survey from Kentucky State Auditor Adam Edelen aims to hold special districts to a higher standard of accountability.

The public database of more than 1,200 special districts, defined as libraries, sanitation districts and public health departments that have the ability to fee and tax, but with little oversight. Edelen called these districts representing \$2.7 billion a "shadow government."

"It is a scandal that for generations no Kentuckian has been able to determine how many special districts exist, how much money flows through them, where they are located and whether they are compliant with state law," Edelen said.

However, this isn't necessarily the case in Casey County as half of the special districts are compliant with state regulations, the report showed.

The law requires special districts to submit their yearly budgets to fiscal courts in the counties where they operate. It also requires the districts to be audited periodically, and some of them must submit financial reports to the Department for Local Government in Frankfort.

Special districts in county

State law defines special districts as agencies with less than statewide power organized to perform governmental functions within limited boundaries. It includes all political subdivisions of the state except a city, county or school district.

The majority of the state's special districts can levy taxes or assess fees, allowing them to provide services to communities.

There are 10 special districts in Casey County, including ones for the hospital, emergency services, health department, and library, among others. Five of these — East Casey County Water District, Casey County Ambulance Board, Air Board, Economic Development Authority, and Casey County Solid Waste Management — were listed as not being in compliance in at least one of three categories.

Four of the five not in compliance answered Edelen's survey. They did, however, submit budgets to Casey County Fiscal Court.

Both the Air Board and Ambulance Board have also not been in compliance in years. ECCWD is audited annually, the report states, and the EDA is audited every three years, said Director Blaine Staat, with the next audit scheduled for 2013.

Kathy Hines, Casey EMS Director for the past seven years, said that an audit of the Ambulance Board's books

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Marshall "Smitty" Smith proudly shows the pig he captured that escaped during the greasy pig contest at the 2012 Casey County Apple Festival.

Ham on the lam Officer catches greasy pig contest escapee

By Larry Rowell
Staff Writer

A pig that escaped during the greasy pig contest at this year's Casey County Apple Festival has been recaptured by a state law enforcement officer.

With more than 15 kids chasing the pig in a small enclosed ring made of farm gates with square hale bales at the bottom inside the ring, it jumped over a bale, shot through the crowd, and hightailed it for the woods. Searchers in pursuit were unsuccessful in snagging the speedy squealer.

About two weeks later, Marshall "Smitty" Smith, a probation and parole officer in Casey County with the Kentucky Dept. of Corrections, put

the pig in the pokey for good..

"Darren Atwood and Darin Wesley, city workers who helped me catch the pig, said they had seen the pig in the cemetery behind the police department," Smith said.

Smith devised a plan whereby a cage was placed in the area with shelled corn in the bottom as bait.

But after checking the cage for several days and finding the corn gone, Smith said they knew this was one savvy swine.

"He hit the side of the cage and the corn would fall out and he would eat it," Smith said.

Once Smith had a handle on how the pig was filching the corn, he decided to try something different.

"When I was out there

checking the cage one morning, I had an extra sausage biscuit and I decided to put that in the cage," he said.

And sure enough, that piece of sausage biscuit was more temptation than the pig could stand. He was caged and caught.

Smith, who named the pig "Porky," hauled him back to his house and has been raising him ever since, getting him fattened up to about 35 pounds.

So Porky wouldn't be lonely, Smith said he bought some more pigs so he has fellow inmates.

As for final sentencing in the case of the one that almost got away, Smith smiles as if there may be some bacon and ham in his future.

STATE LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW

Mills, Girdler address key legislative issues for 2013

By Larry Rowell and
Amanda Cole
Staff Writers

Beginning Jan. 8, state lawmakers have several major issues to deal with as they return to Frankfort for a short, 30-day session.

Rep. Terry Mills, D-Lebanon, and Sen. Chris Girdler, R-Somerset, represent Casey County in the legislature.

The Casey County News submitted questions to Mills and Girdler by e-mail on issues they may face in the upcoming session.



GIRDLER



MILLS

Their answers, in summary form, appear below. Questions from The Casey News appear in bold.

Rep. Mills, what would you like to accomplish in this, your third term?

Mills said that he wants to aid in bringing fiscal stability back to state government.

"Since 2008 we have been struggling to manage with declining revenues and increasing costs. As a result, many needed services have been cut to the bone. I hope we can find ways to improve our critical services while keeping taxes as low as possible," he said.

Mills also mentioned that tax and pension reform will also be major topics of discussion in the 2013 session. In addition, the legislature will have to address the redistricting process.

"This is a constitutional requirement that always seems to become political. I want to be a part of coming up with a plan that is as fair as possible while meeting the constitutional

requirements," Mills said.

Additionally, Mills said that other issues will deal with road and infrastructure projects, and improving education both from K-12 to the university level.

The Lebanon Democrat said that he will continue to listen to his constituents in order to best represent them in Frankfort.

Sen. Elect Girdler, what do you hope to accomplish in this, your first term in the legislature?

"I count it an honor and privilege to have the steadfast support of the people of the 15th district to be their voice in Frankfort and I pledge to give it my all. As a freshman and incoming Senator, I intend to get a feel for the lay of the land and see where I can contribute to the process," he said.

Girdler said that he has been selected to serve as Chairman of Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee and as a fiscal conservative, he will do whatever possible to make sure tax-payer dollars are

treated with the respect they deserve.

Gambling has been a topic during legislative sessions for some time now. Where do you stand on expanded gaming that the governor wants to create more revenue for the state?

Mills said that since day one in office, he has supported revenue from gaming if it is used to help solve some of the Kentucky's budget problems.

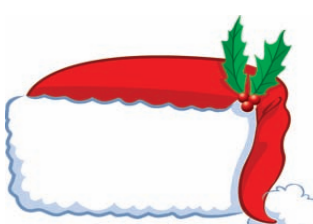
However, Mills isn't avoiding the darker side of gambling.

"In recognition of the negative side of gaming, I have filed for the past two sessions, and expect to file again this year, a bill to create a fund to help treat addictive gamblers," he said.

Girdler said that although no legislation has been pre-filed which addresses the gaming issue, he seemingly wouldn't endorse it.

"As always, I will continue to protect the welfare and values of the people in

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Elizabeth, Lee
win 'Letters
to Santa'

Letters to Santa Claus poured into The Casey County News office for shipment to the North Pole. The letters will be published in a special section in next week's edition.

This year's winners of the "Letters to Santa" contest are Elizabeth Edwards and Lee Maynard, who have each won a gift bag filled with toys.

Elizabeth is a first-grader at Liberty Elementary and is in Martha Thompson's class.

Lee is a first-grader at Walnut Hill Elementary in Lila Cooper's classroom.

Elizabeth and Lee may pick up their presents at The Casey County News, located at 720 Campbellsville Street, Friday or Monday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Their pictures and letters will be featured in next week's issue.

EDITORIAL

Not all Adair County in the 29th District

While turn-about may be fair play, it isn't always fun for the one on the other side.

For more than a decade, Casey County — in the 29th Judicial District with Adair County — was home to the Circuit Court Judge and Commonwealth's Attorney in the late James G. Weddle and Brian Wright, respectively.

But now, the landscape in this district has changed considerably with Columbia resident Judge Judy Vance on the circuit bench and with Columbia Attorney Gail L. Williams poised to take the reins as Commonwealth's Attorney on Jan. 1, barring his removal by the Kentucky Court of Appeals because of a challenge to his residency credentials as a candidate.

While we wish Judge Vance and Williams well as they represent all residents of the two counties, let's hope that territorial preferences will not come into play.

As evidence that Judge Vance is seeking to play fair, news comes on Friday that Liberty attorney Don Thomas, who's served as Casey County Master Commissioner, will remain in that position. And, by all accounts, Thomas has done a stellar job and deserves it.

Judge Vance could have let politics drive her decision to remove Thomas but thankfully, she didn't and we commend her spirit of cooperation.

Let's all work together to ensure that the scales of justice are truly balanced in Casey and Adair counties.

Merry Christmas to all

Greetings of the season! Before you get all snarky and accuse me of trying to be politically correct, there are lots of different folks celebrating this time of year.

Happy Hanukkah to my Jewish friends (Dec. 8-16), Happy Winter Solstice to my Druid friends (Dec. 21), and Merry Christmas to my Christian friends (Dec. 25). For anyone I've missed, have a happy whatever.

To all of you, happy ham and/or turkey, dressing, mashed 'taters, gravy, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, egg-nog, and whatever your heart and stomach desire. I do NOT wish you happy green bean casserole, however. It's nasty, nasty stuff that I cannot understand how anyone can eat or celebrate.

This holiday season is starting off kind of weird. For several years now I have not seen a Ronco commercial. This is even weirder is the Chia Pet commercials didn't start until after Dec. 1 and there haven't been many of them.

I guess the big company advertising on TV this year is Joseph Industries. They make The Clapper ("Clap on, clap off"), The Ove Glove, The Creosote Sweeping Log, and a bunch of items we can live without. You know them -- they're all the things little kids buy their parents for Christmas.

Hasn't this been a pip of a year? We had 200 Republicans running for president, most of whom should have stayed at home and probably wished they had. They spent millions of dollars campaigning that should have been spent on worthier causes.

The Democrats did the same. Nobody is innocent when it comes to wasting money in political campaigns.

Thank goodness it's over for a couple of years until the rocks get turned over and more incompetent fools crawl out and declare their intentions. Deliver me!

Speaking of worthy causes,

Joberta WELLS
Columnist



there are several groups that are doing angel trees and toys for children programs in Casey County.

I recently ran into Brenda Carmicle and Carol Beard shopping at Walmart for one of these organizations.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if some of the money spent on political campaigns could be plowed into endeavors such as this, the food pantry at The Gathering Place, and aid to the underprivileged and those who have lost jobs?

Our country gives billions of dollars in aid to other countries and I think it's time we remember that "charity begins at home."

As I write this it's less than three weeks until "A Christmas Story" marathon starts on TBS. You know, the one about Ralphie and his wish for "a Red Ryder BB gun with a compass in the stock and this thing which tells time."

It's my all-time favorite movie. It starts at 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve and ends at 8 p.m. on Christmas Day.

There are things that boggle my mind frequently but the biggest boggler is the fact that I will be 70 years old on Dec. 18. That just can't be true!

I still feel 25 although there are parts of my body that deny that. It takes me 10 minutes to straighten up and move after a long car trip. I catch myself saying "Huh?" a lot in conversations when there's a lot of noise in the background, and I always have to be home before dark if I ever go out. Yes, my car has working headlights so don't ask.

Enjoy yourselves and your families this holiday season. May your blessings be many and your troubles be few.

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH!

The changing world we live in

A lot of people are celebrating in the western state of Washington where it is now legal to recreationally smoke marijuana and for gay couples to get married.

The debate over the dangers of marijuana dates to the 1930s when a campaign arose to combat the growing trend of marijuana use in the United States.

In 1936, the propaganda film "Reefer Madness" was made in an attempt to scare young Americans away from using marijuana.

The film portrayed that smoking marijuana causes insanity. In the film, a woman smokes marijuana, then laughs while a man who has smoked marijuana beats a third person to death.

But what I don't understand is if marijuana is illegal under federal law, how can a state declare the possessing and smoking small quantities of the drug is legal.

Larry ROWELL
Staff Writer



And a drug it is. As a casual user of marijuana and alcohol more than 35 years ago, I can testify that no one needs to be doing either, but especially not to be smoking pot.

I quit lo those many years ago because I was beginning to like the drug, it was wrong, and I didn't want to get caught by the police for being in possession.

I still have friends who think the drug should be legalized under federal law for recreational use. I don't agree with that because it's a drug, it's addictive, and it's harmful to one's brain, lungs, and circulatory system, among other health hazards.

Further, I believe that smoking marijuana can lead to other,

more destructive drugs such as methamphetamine and cocaine.

And we certainly don't need to legalize anything that will impair a driver's judgment behind the wheel of an automobile.

But the fact remains that the federal government needs to make a stand on this issue. Either make it illegal or not, enforce the law, it's that simple.

How long can states go in violation of federal law? Time will tell.

Another issue where some states like Washington are in violation of federal law is the legalization of gay marriage.

The Defense of Marriage Act, signed into law by President Bill Clinton on Sept. 21, 1996, defines marriage as the legal union of one man and one woman for federal and interstate purposes in the United States.

The law, passed both houses of Congress by large majori-

ties, states that no U.S. state is required to recognize a same-sex marriage from another state. Kentucky also has a law defining marriage as the union between one man and one woman.

From what I see in the polls, Americans are beginning to relax a long-held opposition to homosexual couples marrying.

But while I cannot support gay marriage, I do not hate nor disdain homosexuals.

It's interesting that the United States Supreme Court will soon take up the issue as to whether gay marriage is legal or not.

Even if the court should legalize it, what would become of Kentucky's state law defining marriage as being between one man and one woman?

These sure are perplexing and changing times we're living in. Let's make up our minds and our laws and stick with them.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Too many give-away programs today

As I read Mr. Lee's letter to the editor (Dec. 5 issue), my mind went back to the 1930s he spoke of, the Great Depression. Being born in 1932, this I can recall. My father and grandfather worked for the WPA.

This was a good and much needed program created by President Roosevelt. Remember I said they worked. Nowadays, there are too many give-away programs with no work required.

Mr. Lee also spoke of a balanced government. This is why we do not have a balanced budget — \$16 billion in debt, and still going. We hear a lot of talk about going over the cliff. I believe we are already over the cliff. We need to try and stop the spending and start working our way back up the cliff.

After we reach the top, tell both parties to stop trying to buy the people's vote with their give-away programs.

If anyone feels like saying amen after reading this, please feel free to do so.

Bob Ellis
Liberty

There is good in the community

I want everyone in the community to know some good things going on, when we hear so much about bad things.

This past Saturday, we had six volunteers out in the neighborhood replacing batteries in people's smoke alarms, and installing alarms if people didn't have one. I'm grateful for the volunteers from Liberty United Methodist Church who took time from such a busy season, and were willing to brave the rain to provide this service to our neighbors.

I also want to give a special word of thanks to Green River Building Supply for providing the batteries, and to the Liberty Fire Department for providing the smoke alarms. These donations of time and materials made it possible for over 20 people in Liberty to receive a small gift of love in the name of our heavenly Father. Merry Christmas!

Bruce Hiner
Liberty

Driving the extra miles for gas prices

For the gas stations in Liberty — shame on you. Since before Thanksgiving, your price for regular gasoline has been \$3.35, when Hickory Hills Market was at \$3.20.

Just this morning (Monday) I drove the couple of extra miles out to Hickory Hills and they were at \$3.16, and you came down to \$3.25. Not good. It's price gouging.

People are having a hard enough time as it is. It would seem like the local gas stations would want to help.

Misty L. Hill
Liberty

Programs should help people become self reliant again

I am glad to see a response to the issue of government assistance. This is a discussion that we should be having.

Almost everyone acknowledges that at some point we must stop going in debt and start paying some back. So if that time is not now, then when is it? If we do not deal with it, our children and grandchildren will have to deal with it.

Many of us have probably seen that advertisement about granny being pushed off the cliff. I do not think that there is any danger of granny going over the cliff; I think it is her children and grandchildren who will be in danger of going over the cliff.

I am not alone in thinking that our entitlement mentality is going to bring this country to ruin. Here are the words of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the man who probably had more to do than anyone in getting us started on government assistance, "The lessons of history, confirmed by the evidence immediately before me, show conclusively that continued dependence upon relief induces a spiritual and moral disintegration fundamentally destructive to the national fiber. To dole our relief in this way is to administer a narcotic, a subtle destroyer of the human spirit."

What better description of what happened since then.

The question is not whether to help our fellow citizens in need, but how can we do it better. There are always going to be disabled and others that will need permanent help, but our goal should be that the rest can become self reliant again.

One huge problem is that too many people are making bad moral choices that are destructive to themselves. I believe all the assistance available is contributing to that.

I believe government cannot create a free market. It can only secure an environment for a free market to flourish. In the same way I believe government cannot create good morals. It can only encourage an environment where good morals and good religion can flourish.

Tim Martin
Liberty

Letters to the editor policy

Readers are encouraged to submit letters to the editor on subjects of interest to others. Letters must be signed and include a telephone number for verification. Letters will be published on a space-available basis and may be edited for length and/or content. We reserve the right to reject any letter deemed to be libelous or slanderous, or in poor taste. Address letters to "Letters to the Editor," P.O. Box 40, Liberty, Ky. 42539; fax them to (606) 787-8306; or e-mail letters to news@caseynews.net.

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New campaign warns public — be a smurf, land in jail

By Larry Rowell
Staff Writer

In an effort to slow the exploding growth of the manufacture of methamphetamine in Kentucky, Gov. Steve Beshear and Senate President Robert L. Stivers, R-Manchester, have teamed up to promote a new anti-smurfing initiative.

The privately-funded campaign is aimed at making the public aware that “smurfing” — the illegal act of buying products containing pseudoephedrine for those who manufacture methamphetamine — can land a person in jail on a felony charge.

According to a press release from the governor’s office the end of last month, Beshear joined members of the General Assembly, representatives from the Kentucky Retail Federation, the Kentucky Pharmacists Association and the Consumer Healthcare Products Association for the anti-smurfing announcement.

“The goal of the Anti-Smurfing Campaign is to inform potential smurfers and the general public—through signage displayed at pharmacy sales counters—that smurfing is a serious criminal offense that can result in jail time,” the release states.

The initiative was developed

by the Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA), a national association representing the makers of over-the-counter-medicines. The campaign will be carried out by Kentucky retailers on a voluntary basis.

“The negative impacts of methamphetamine production and abuse extend much further than the meth abuser and their loved ones,” said Gov. Beshear. “Meth has an enormous fiscal and criminal impact on Kentucky, and I am committed to working with leaders across the state to combat the use of this deadly drug. Smurfing is a main component of the criminal meth process and I want to thank the industry leaders and retailers who are sponsoring this anti-smurfing educational effort.”

Local case

Casey County Commonwealth’s Attorney Brian Wright recently prosecuted a case in Casey Circuit Court that shows the possible penalty for smurfing.

Wright said that Celesta Lee Waddle agreed to plead guilty on Nov. 28 to first offense manufacturing methamphetamine, amended to criminal solicitation of manufacturing meth.

“The negative impacts of methamphetamine production and abuse extend much further than the meth abuser and their loved ones.”

— Gov. Steve Beshear

She was arrested on July 3.

Wright recommended that she spend eight years in prison for the plea of solicitation or smurfing.

Related to the same case, Waddle’s husband, Jerold Scott Waddle, pleaded guilty to first offense manufacturing meth, first-degree fleeing or evading police, and operating a motor vehicle on a suspended/revoked operator’s license.

During Celesta Waddle’s hearing before Senior Judge Marc I. Rosen, Wright explained what the crime of solicitation means.

“Criminal solicitation is where a person has the intention of promoting or facilitating a crime and they encourage or command another person to engage in specific conduct which will either constitute manufacturing meth or would constitute or establish another person’s complicity in manu-

facturing meth,” Wright said.

To bolster his case, Wright presented evidence found in the Waddle residence including active HCL generators and other items used in manufacturing meth.

But it was another item that Wright said “was a significant piece of evidence” that made Celesta guilty.

“She had a day planner she had kept. We went back to December of 2011 and tracked her to her offense date of July 2012. Ms. Waddle had written in her day planner each day that she had bought a box of Sudafed, each day that her husband bought a box of Sudafed and on the days that would correspond with the (Kentucky) meth check purchases, she would have in her ledger, Me—15, Scott-10, and that would correspond to the number of pills in a 15-count box or in a 10-count box,” Wright said.

Further, Wright said that Waddle had recorded on “many, many other days” the first names of others who had purchased products such as Sudafed.

Waddle responds

Celesta said that due to a series of surgeries from 2009 to 2012, her memory has been affected to the point where it’s hard for her to remember past events, even an auto accident her 17-year-old son had earlier this year.

However, Waddle acknowledges that she had some sense of smurfing to help her husband get meth.

“I know I did something wrong, my husband told me I did. I don’t remember buying this but I did because it’s on the record. I wrote it down because I couldn’t remember so I had to write it down,” she said.

Waddle also admitted that the Sudafed purchased was traded for meth to everybody in the daily record she kept though she says she didn’t make it and only used meth for two months. It was revealed in court during her hearing that Celesta’s drug tests indicated she was drug-free.

“I felt like I was going to die and I wanted to die happy,” she

said, referring to why she used meth to deal with the pain she suffered after a surgery in early summer.

After her arrest, Celesta said she spent 55 days in the Casey County Detention Center.

“I had no idea what jail was like. Imagine being in a room all day long and having someone telling you when you eat or sleep,” she said, adding that the guards at the facility were “awesome, and good to me.”

Celesta said that she would advise others considering smurfing to reconsider that decision so as to avoid possible prison time.

And that’s exactly the message that Stivers wants to send to all Kentuckians.

“We want to relay the message to potential smurfers that this is not a small crime and that their illegal actions could have far-reaching consequences,” said Sen. Robert Stivers.

“This public awareness campaign sends a clear message to meth criminals that Kentucky leaders are cracking down on all aspects of their enterprise. By educating potential smurfers on the severity of producing or aiding in the production of meth, I think we have a shot at reducing meth use in the state.”

Taxing

Continued from front

hasn’t been done since she’s been director.

“We’re not audited unless fiscal court asks for it,” Hines said.

Casey County Judge/Executive Ronald Wright said that he will see that an audit is done in the near future.

‘Broken system’

The report, and public, searchable database, is the result of a six-month attempt to research the state’s special districts and to examine the districts’ finances.

Edelen’s news release states the study found that the special districts collect about \$1.5 billion in taxes and fees and \$1 billion in grants, corporate sponsorships and fundraising.

Special districts also spend approximately \$2.7 billion a year, which Edelen stated is about what the state spends on primary and secondary education.

And with the special districts sitting on \$1.3 billion in reserves, that’s more than the rainy day funds held by the state’s 174 school districts.

Despite the public funds involved, 447 of the special districts, accounting for \$460 million dollars in revenues, have never been audited. And some 501 are not in compliance with financial reporting requirements.

“To be sure, there is a difference between the districts

themselves and the scandalous lack of system-wide oversight of them,” Edelen said. “Their work is critical to the communities they serve, many board members put in considerable hours on a voluntary basis and the vast majority are honest stewards of the tax dollars they spend.”

The study showed that 40 percent of districts that should have submitted budgets to their fiscal courts did not, and that 15 percent that should have submitted financial reports did not.

Edelen also discovered that roughly half of all special districts with annual revenues of more than \$750,000 weren’t audited, representing \$461 million in revenue that basically went unaccounted for.

“In short, the system is broken and in need of big change,” Edelen said. “A reformed and modernized system will make this ghost government more accountable to the public it serves.”

Edelen’s report is online at www.citizenauditor.ky.gov.

Casey County districts

The districts were asked to answer Edelen’s survey and respond to two other categories — whether or not they are audited and whether they have submitted a budget to fiscal court.

Ambulance Service

According to Edelen’s report, the taxing district

is only compliant in that it submitted an annual budget to fiscal court. It neither answered the survey nor has it been audited. The service reported nearly \$1.2 million in revenue and about \$1.2 million in expenses for the 2012 fiscal year.

Economic Development Authority

The special non-taxing district is listed as an industrial development authority district and showed submitting a budget to fiscal court as being in compliance in that one category. The district, which did not respond to the survey, is audited every three years, said EDA Director Blaine Staat.

Air Board

The taxing district is shown as a local air board and, like the Ambulance Service, was compliant in one of three categories — by submitting its budget to fiscal court. The district did not answer the survey nor has it been audited.

The 2012-13 budget for the board includes \$50 in revenue and \$15,000 in expenses, with \$36,050 carryover from FY 2011-12.

Conservation District

The special non-taxing district is listed as a soil conservation district that is audited every four years. It was last audited in 2012. Based on Edelen’s data, the district is compliant in every category.

The district reported revenue in fiscal year 2011 at \$167,495 in total receipts

and \$71,520 in budgeted expenses.

Extension District

The special taxing district is listed as a cooperative extension service district that is audited every four years and is compliant in all of Edelen’s categories.

The district reported \$272,902 in total receipts and \$181,618 in expenses.

Health Department

The special taxing district is listed as a public health district and is compliant in the three categories.

The district reported nearly \$376,116 in total receipts, with expenses totaling more than \$114,985. The district is audited every four years, the last being in fiscal year 2009.

Hospital District

The special taxing district

is listed as a hospital district and is compliant in all three of Edelen’s categories.

The district reported \$17.2 million in total receipts, with the same amount in expenses. The district is audited every year.

Public Library

The special taxing district is listed as a library district and is compliant in all three categories. The library’s finances are audited every four years, with the report stating the last was in fiscal year 2008.

Edelen’s report states that the library had \$511,121 in total receipts in fiscal year 2011, with expenses totaling \$467,795.

Solid Waste Management

The special district is listed as a solid waste non-taxing

district that is noncompliant in all categories.

According to Edelen’s report, district representatives didn’t respond to a request to participate in the study. Wright said the county receives money for solid waste, but that it goes through fiscal court and not a separate district.

East Casey Water District

The special non-taxing district returned the survey but didn’t include a budget, the report indicated. However, ECCWD submits an annual budget to fiscal court and Edelen showed the 2011 budget that was obtained from Department of Local Government. The district had \$1.5 million in revenue and \$1.4 million in expenditures. The district is audited annually.

Local church mourns death of missionary

By Kendra Peek
The Advocate Messenger

A Casey County man, who moved out of the country with his family to work and live as a missionary, is being fondly remembered.

John Lello, 46, was killed last month in Papua New Guinea.

“It was kind of heartwrenching,” said Randall Morris, a neighbor and fellow church member of John Lello.

Lello died as a result of a tragic accident while felling trees with local villagers, according to the Adventist Frontier Missions website. Lello and his family moved to the underdeveloped Sepik Province of Papua New Guinea to “minister to the Ama people” living along the Sepik River, according to a post Lello wrote on the site previously.

Lello, his wife and two daughters had moved to the country earlier this year — in March or April — after saving funds since 2010, when they moved out of Casey County to another state. According to multiple posts, the Lellos had taken up residence in a warehouse in another state, living

as minimalists in training to relocate to the remote country of Papua New Guinea.

Morris knew the Lellos from Grove Seventh Day Adventist Church on North Hwy. 501, which the family attended up until 2010, before they moved away. While living in Casey County, Lello owned Quality Construction.

Also, Morris said his daughter had become quite close with Lello’s two girls, and was very sad to see them leave. However, Morris said he understood and was impressed at their decision to make the move.

“They wanted to go as a missionaries; sold everything they had and went,” Morris said. “John was a very personable person and he was eager to be of help to others.”

The families had been exchanging emails since the Lellos departed in 2010. Morris recollected one of the more recent emails from the Lello’s, after the family had begun making a life for themselves in the foreign country.

“His girls were raising birds; they had become their pets,” Morris said. He explained that the family had primarily been working to learn the language, as they had only moved to the region earlier in the year.

Morris expressed sadness at Lello’s passing.

“We are saying prayers for his wife and children,” Morris said.

Lellos wife, Pam, and their two children are expected to return to the area later this month, as he will be buried in Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Cemetery.

A private burial will take place for Lello in the cemetery, with a public memorial service to be held 3 p.m. Dec. 20 at Liberty United Methodist Church.

According to Adventist Frontier Missions, a fund has been set up to assist the family. Contributions may be sent to: the Lello Memorial Fund, care of Adventist Frontier Missions, P.O. Box 286, Berrien Springs, MI, 49103.

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NEWS BRIEF

Holiday variety show

The Casey County Drama Program and 21st Century Community Learning Center will present a holiday variety show at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 at the CCHS gym. The show will feature more than 20 performances by students and staff. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Violet Adams, 93

Violet Adams passed away Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012 at Casey County Hospital. She was 93.

Born Oct. 3, 1919 in Wayne County, she was the daughter of the late Hilary Gregory and Vina Koger Gregory. She was a homemaker and member of Liberty First Baptist Church.

She was the widow of Dr. Kearney R. Adams, who passed away on Sept. 25, 1987.

Survivors include a son, Kearney R. Adams Jr. of Mt. Vernon; a daughter, Shirley (and David) Morgan of Liberty; two grandchildren, David (and Alisha) Morgan Jr. and Michael Adams; and a great-grandchild, Jacob Thomas Morgan.

In addition to her parents



ADAMS

(Wednesday, Dec. 12) at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with Bro. Jimmy Brown officiating. Burial will be in Glenwood Cemetery.

Visitation will be today at the funeral home from 9 a.m. until funeral service.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with guestbook available at www.mckinneybrown.com

Jeannette Thomas, 81

Jeannette L. Thomas of Ohio died Monday, Dec. 3, 2012 at Well Springs Health Center. She was 81.

Born in Casey County on Nov. 2, 1931, she was the daughter of Lawrence and Betty Long Cochran.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald C. Thomas; two sons, Randall and Law-

rence Franklin Thomas; two daughters, Carolyn Sweet and Charlene Thomas; four grandchildren; a great-grandchild; three sisters; and four brothers.

Funeral services were Dec. 4 at Bartle Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Gary Lavender officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Glen Napier, 83

Glen "Big Boy" Napier of Kings Mountain passed away on Monday, Dec. 10, 2012 at his residence. He was 83.

Born June 30, 1929 in Casey County, he was a son of the late Owen and Ethel Martin Napier. Big Boy, as he was referred to by most, was retired from Norfolk Southern Railroad. He was a member of Grove Ridge Baptist Church.

Survivors include his son, Ronald (and Kathy) Napier of Kings Mountain; daughters, Brenda (and Jerome) Cummins of Middleburg, Retha (and Dale) Atwood of Kings Mountain, and Lisa (and Tim) Childers of Kings Mountain; sisters, Edith Snow, Faye Rowland, and Shirley Gooch, all of Kings Mountain, and Darlene Greer of Middleburg; six grandchildren, Jessica Carpenter, Amy Wood, Amanda

Napier, Jantzen Denny, Macy Childers and Eli Childers; six great-grandchildren; and special caregivers, Connie, Mike, and Makayla Walls of Yosemite.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elsie Clark Napier; a son, Harold Dean Napier; a brother, Orville Napier; and a sister, Naomi Austin.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with Bro. Kevin Pittman and Bro. Wayne Stevens officiating. Burial will follow in KP Hall Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14 at the funeral home.

Arrangements entrusted to McKinney-Brown Funeral Home. Online guestbook available at www.mckinneybrown.com.

Jeanette Terry, 68

Jeanette Terry of Junction City died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012. She was 68.

Born Feb. 19, 1944, she was the daughter of Jean Godbey of Liberty and the late Lloyd Barber.

Survivors include her husband, Edwin Terry; two sons,

Scott Terry of Junction City and Rodney Barber; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Dec. 7 at W.L. Pruitt Funeral Home by Bro. Chuck Robinson with burial in Junction City Cemetery.

18 die on Kentucky roadways Dec. 3-9

Preliminary statistics* indicate that 18 people died in 15 separate crashes on Kentucky's roadways from Monday, Dec. 3 through Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012.

One quadruple-fatality motor vehicle crash occurred in Trigg County. The suspected use of alcohol was involved and all four victims were not wearing seat belts.

One single-fatality crash occurred in each of the following counties: Edmonson, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Graves, Harlan, Jefferson, Jessamine,

Kenton, Laurel and Lee. The suspected use of alcohol was involved in the crash in Jessamine County and the victim was not wearing a seat belt. The victims in Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin and Lee counties were also not wearing seat belts.

One pedestrian was killed in each of the following counties: Jefferson, Kenton and Muhlenberg.

Through Dec. 9, preliminary statistics* indicate that 696 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during

2012. This is four more than reported for this time period in 2011. Of the 552 motor vehicle fatalities, 304 victims were not wearing seat belts.

Of the 73 motorcycle fatalities, 38 were not wearing a helmet. Eleven of the 13 ATV fatalities were not wearing a helmet. Fifty pedestrians, one scooter/moped rider and seven bicycle riders have been killed.

A total of 127 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

Citizens can contribute to

highway safety by reporting erratic drivers to the Kentucky State Police toll-free at 1-800-222-5555. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number if possible.

*These statistics are still preliminary as KSP waits for all local law enforcement agencies throughout the state to report any crashes and fatalities that may have occurred in their areas.

AG urges wise giving this holiday season

By Jack Conway

Kentucky Attorney General

Your charitable donation can help clothe a child, put food on the table for a family in need and bring hope to those who have none. As you open your heart and pocketbook this holiday season, make sure that you give wisely.

Much like storms and natural disasters, the season of giving brings out the best and worst in people. Scam artists are ready to unveil their latest schemes designed to prey on the generosity of others.

Kentuckians need to be wary of fraudulent charities and phishing scams during the holidays. Don't be pressured into making a donation — research a charity before making a donation. Beware of unsolicited email requests that appear to come from a legitimate charity; they may actually be phishing scams.

Fraudulent emails can contain viruses or direct consum-

ers to legitimate-looking websites where they are asked to provide personal and financial information to scam artists. Consumers who fall victim to phishing or malware scams risk having their finances compromised, identities stolen and safety jeopardized.

Naughty or Nice?

To make sure your charitable contribution is reaching those who need it most, use my charitable giving database at ag.ky.gov/civil/consumerprotection. Consumers can find out if a charity is registered with the Office of the Attorney General and what percentage of their charitable donation actually goes to the charity and what percentage goes to a paid solicitor.

Shop Safely Online

Kentucky consumers also need to take precautions when shopping online during the holidays. A record number of

consumers are utilizing smart phones, tablets and laptops to shop, which has scam artists developing fraudulent apps, emails and websites to gain access to your personal finances and steal your identity.

To stay safe while shopping online, please follow these tips:

- Only do business with companies you know and trust and that offer secure payment processing.

- Look for websites that start with https, (the "s" stands for secure).

- To protect yourself against these seasonal phishing scams, verify the communication by calling the company or by logging into your account directly from the business' website.

- Never do business with someone who insists that you wire money.

- Using credit cards while shopping online can offer extra protection.

- Keep personal information private. Don't disclose your ad-

dress, phone number, Social Security number or bank account information to a stranger.

- Never respond to emails or pop-up ads that ask for your personal or financial information.

- Avoid storing credit card information online.

- When buying a gift card, only buy from reputable sources that you know and trust.

Protecting consumers from scammers, fraudulent charities and unscrupulous businesses is a top priority in the Attorney General's office. You can help us in this effort by following these simple steps. And if you have been scammed, please report it by calling my Consumer Protection Hotline at 1-888-432-9257 or visiting ag.ky.gov/civil/consumerprotection. If you are a victim of identity theft, there is a toolkit available on our website.

I hope you and your family have a safe and blessed holiday season.

HAPPENINGS

- Lifeline Home Health will have a free blood pressure clinic at the Casey County Bank Friday, Dec. 14 from 9 to 11 a.m.

- Casey County Hospital Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, Dec. 18 in the hospital lobby at 1 p.m.

SUPPORT GROUPS

- Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 8 p.m. at the Casey County Library Annex Friday, Dec. 14. For more information, call 787-5866.

- The Casey County A.A. meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church fellowship hall Tuesday, Dec. 18. For more information call 787-7205 or 787-5866.

- The Casey County Al-Anon meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church fellowship hall

Regina R. Murphy, 72

Regina R. Murphy died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012 at Casey County Hospital. She was 72.

Born June 14, 1940 in Casey County, she was the daughter of the late Lewis Ray and Ruby Oressa Rubarts Hammonds.

She was the widow of George Murphy.

Survivors include a son,

Jody Ray Murphy of Liberty; a daughter, Rita Kay Dunham of Waynesburg; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a sister.

Funeral services were Dec. 7 at the McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with Bro. Linville Hatter officiating. Burial was at Murphy Cemetery.

Joanna R. Wilson, 76

Joanna Ruth Wilson of Liberty died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012 at Casey County Hospital. She was 76.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio on Aug. 29, 1936 she was the daughter of the late Harry Anton and Agnes Ruth Milligan Svec.

Survivors include her husband, William Clevenger Wilson; two sons, Mark and James Wilson, both of Liberty; seven daughters, Che-

rie Meeks, Kathleen Gosse, Becci and Debra Wilson, Jessica Harpin and Mary Wanty, all of Liberty, and Nancy Jo Wisdom of Russell Springs; 27 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Dec. 10 at the Wilson family's residence with Bro. Jeff Meeks officiating. Burial was at the Wilson Family Cemetery.

Bartle Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, Dec. 18. For more information, call 787-9670 or 787-5704.

- TOPS KY 404 will meet at Westside Christian Church with weigh-in at 5 p.m. and meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20. For more information contact Donna Mills, 787-6431.

CHURCH

- Old Time Independent Baptist Church is extending an invitation to help folks who have a need for Christmas dinner. Call Bro. Ricky Rodgers at 606-787-4414 or 706-5392 for more information.

- Noel's Chapel First Church of God will have a Christmas play Saturday, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m.

- Bruce's Chapel will have a Christmas play Sunday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m.

Do you have an upcoming event, support group meeting or reunion?

Place it in our community calendar free of charge!

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Resources available for making your home senior-friendly

Dear Savvy Senior,
My husband and I are both in our 60's and are interested in making some modest changes to our home to make it more practical and senior-friendly, but aren't sure what to do. What resources can you recommend to help us figure this out?
Homebodies

Dear Homebodies,

Most seniors, like you and your husband, want to stay living in their own home. But being able to do so often depends on how easy it will be to get around the house if you develop physical limitations. Here are some helpful resources you can turn to, to get an idea of what types of improvements you should make that will make your home safer and more convenient as you grow older.

Get Informed

A good first step in making your house senior-friendly is to do a home assessment. Go through your house, room by room as if you've never set foot in it before, looking for problem areas like potential tripping or slipping hazards, and ar-

Savvy Senior
Ask A Senior Question
Get A Savvy Answer



eas that are hard to access. To help you with this, there are various organizations that offer published lists of questions to ask, and things to look for to identify problems.

The Fall Prevention Center of Excellence (see.homemods.org), for example, offers a number of online checklists including one called "How Well Does Your Home Meet Your Needs?" that you can access directly at homeneedschecklist.org. Or, download and print off the National Caregivers Library "Home Modification Checklist" at caregiverslibrary.org – click on "Checklists & Forms," then on "Housing" to get there.

AARP also has an excellent resource called "The AARP Home Fit Guide" that provides a checklist and tips to keep your home safe and livable as you age. You can

access it at homefitguide.org, or if you're an AARP member, call 888-687-2277 and ask them to mail you a free copy.

Personalized Advice

If you want more personalized help, consider getting a professional in-home assessment with an occupational therapist.

An occupational therapist, or OT can evaluate the challenges and shortcomings of your home, make modification recommendations and refer you to products and services to help you make improvements. Ask your doctor for a referral to an OT in your area. Your local Area Agency on Aging (call the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116 for contact information) can also help you find nearby therapists.

Many health insurance providers, including Medi-

care, will pay for a home assessment by an OT if prescribed by your doctor. However, they will not cover the physical upgrades to the home.

Another good option is to contact a builder who's a Certified Aging in Place Specialist. He or she can suggest ways to modify your home that will fit your needs and budget. To find one, go to the National Association of Home Builders website at nabh.org/hireacaps where you can search by state and zip code.

Home Modifications Ideas

There are dozens of small, simple things you can do to make your home more user-friendly as you age, such as securing throw rugs with double-sided tape to avoid tripping, installing brighter

full-spectrum bulbs to existing light fixtures to improve visibility, and adding grab bars to the bathroom for support. There are also a number of bigger more extensive projects like installing a stair-lift or elevator for multi-floor access, and replacing the tub with a walk-in shower for easier entry and exit.

To get a list of more senior-friendly home improvement ideas and illustrations, see the National Aging in Place Council website at ageinplace.org – click on "Practical Advice" then on "Making Your Home Senior Friendly."

Another good resource that's loaded with tips and universal design ideas is

the "AARP Guide to Revitalizing Your Home." It's available in book stores nationwide as well as online at sites like amazon.com for around \$16.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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Casey District Court

The following cases were disposed of in Casey District Court. Amounts listed include fines and court costs.

Nov. 27

David L. Bryant, second offense DUI amended to third offense DUI, driving on a DUI suspended license, and possession of an open alcohol

beverage container in a motor vehicle, plea of guilty, four months in jail, serve 60 days, credit for time served, balance suspended for one year if no new violations of the law, 24 months license suspension; \$1,055.50. A charge of reckless driving was dismissed.

Dara M. Rayborn, no/expired Ky. registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, and failure to produce insur-

ance card, dismissed.

Jamie V. Rodgers, failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce insurance card, and failure to notify address change to DOT, dismissed.

Matthew A. Bianconi, speeding and license to be in possession, \$100 diversion program.

Jakob D. Dean, speeding, \$100, diversion program; failure to notify address change to DOT and failure to wear seat

belts, dismissed.

Edwin E. McDonald, operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired Ky. registration receipt, and display/possession of a cancelled/fictitious operator's license, plea of guilty, \$265.50; theft by deception (cold checks), plea of guilty, 30 days in jail suspended if paid in full in six months.

Nov. 29

Stephen Ray Johnson, failure to use child restraint device in vehicle, plea of guilty, \$50.

Johnnie E. Beard, propagation and holding of protected wildlife, dismissed.

Adam D. Taylor, resident hunting/trapping without a license/permit, dismissed.

Shannon M. Caldwell, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, \$190.50; operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license, dismissed.

Otha David Grider, operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license, dismissed.

William Brett Woodrum, no operator's license, dismissed.

Donald E. Hernandez, failure of non-owner/operator to maintain required insurance and failure to notify address change to DOT, \$215.50; failure to wear seat belts, no expired registration plates, and no/expired Ky. registration receipt, dismissed.

Kenneth D. Haines, no/expired registration plates, no/expired Ky. registration receipt and failure to produce insurance card, dismissed.

Dustin James Luttrell, third-degree terroristic threatening, plea of guilty, 30 days in jail suspended for one year if no new violations of the law and no contact with the complaining witness.

Rebecca J. Andrew, theft by deception, cold checks, plea of guilty, 10 days in jail suspended for one year if paid by Jan. 3.

Dec. 4

Andrew R. Grubbs, falsely reporting an incident, plea of guilty, 15 days in jail, credit for one.

Kellen Grant Sanders, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, plea of guilty, five days in jail, credit for one.

Mark L. Sanders, disorderly conduct and resisting address, plea of guilty, five days in jail, credit for one, balance suspended for six months if no further violations, \$180.50.

Dale Brucker, fourth-degree assault no visible injury, continue for one year to be dismissed if no further violations.

Christopher Richardson Jr., no operator's license and failure to wear seat belts, \$190.50.

Corey Rogers, license to be in possession, dismissed.

Robert M. Woodward, improper equipment, no tail lamps, and no brake lights, dismissed.

Matthew Scott Edwards, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, plea of guilty, \$190.50; no/expired registration plates, dismissed.

Joe Hampton, no operator's license, DUI, and possession of an open alcohol beverage container, 90 days license suspension, \$815.50.

Shawn T. Goforth, no/expired registration plates and no/expired Ky. registration receipt, dismissed.

Shirley B. Hayes, no/expired registration plates, no/expired Ky. registration receipt, and failure to produce insurance card, dismissed.

David M. Colegrove, second-degree disorderly conduct, continue to June 4 to be dismissed if no further violations of the law.

Paul E. Cox, truancy student 18 but not yet 21, continue to June 4 to be dismissed if no further violations.

May D. Earles, fourth-degree assault domestic violence,

minor injury, plea of guilty, three days in jail, credit for one, balance suspended for one year if no new violations of law.

Brandon D. Earles, alcohol intoxication in a public place, second-degree disorderly conduct, and fourth degree assault domestic violence minor injury, three days in jail, credit for one, balance suspended for one year if no new violations of law, \$230.50.

Dan Michael Bailey, first offense driving on a DUI suspended license, amended to operating on a suspended license, plea of guilty, \$165.50.

Jessica Ann Rodgers, theft by deception, cold checks, dismissed, paid before court.

Rigoberto Hernandez, speeding, failure to produce insurance card, and no operator's license; amended to Rigoberto Hernandez Silva. Dismissed. Trooper said this isn't same person he pulled over.

Jordan Wesley Sims, DUI under 21, plea of guilty, 30 days license suspension, possession of an open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle, \$315.50.

Tracy G. Earles Jr., failure to wear seat belts, no expired Ky. registration receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, and operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license, \$265.50; no expired registration plates, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, improper registration plate, and display/possession of a cancelled/fictitious operator's license, merge.

Jessica Ann Rodgers, theft by deception (cold checks), plea of guilty, 20 days in jail, suspended if paid in full by April 11.

Sheila R. Atwood, falsely reporting an incident, plea of guilty, 15 days in jail, credit for one, two additional days to serve, balance probated for one year if no further complaints.



Ichthus Ministries and Christian music festival have shut down

FAYETTE COUNTY (Lexington) — Ichthus Ministries, best known for presenting the Ichthus Music Festival in Wilmore, the first and longest-running Christian pop music festival, has ceased operations after 42 years. Ichthus made the announcement Saturday on Facebook, and a notice went up on its website. The unanimous decision by Ichthus' board of directors to close was difficult, made only after exhausting all other possibilities for continuing the ministry, Ichthus said in a prepared statement. Ichthus attorney Mark Nichols said the organization had faced significant obstacles to maintaining financial stability since 2006 due to bad weather, declining attendance, changes in the festival market and mounting debt. The festival seemed perennially plagued with rain and thunderstorms. A few years ago, the festival moved from late April to mid-June in hopes of better weather. But it lost some of its followers who preferred the spring date, and it never was able to attract the same number of people in June.

Hemp bill gets strong support from lawmakers, ag chief

FRANKLIN COUNTY (Frankfort) — The push to legalize industrial hemp production in Kentucky will begin in the state Senate, Agriculture Commissioner James Comer says.

The Kentucky Industrial Hemp Commission, which met Friday for the second time since its decade of dormancy, discussed possible legislation for the upcoming 30-day session. Finding a bill sponsor won't be difficult, Comer told the panel. Sen. Paul Hornback, R-Shelbyville, was mentioned among those mentioned as a possible sponsor. After the meeting, Comer said he's optimistic an industrial hemp bill could get a vote from the full Senate.

"I feel confident if it passes the Senate ag committee it will get a vote on the Senate floor," he said.

Some in Kentucky's federal delegation have supported legalizing industrial hemp at the federal level, which Comer has repeatedly said must happen before Kentucky allows hemp production. U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, R-Bowling Green and U.S. Rep. Thomas Massie, R-Garrison, have signed federal legislation that would remove industrial hemp from the legal definition of marijuana, its botanical cousin. U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth, D-Louisville, said in late November that he supports the initiative.

Man allegedly throws hot coffee on Louisa mayor

LAWRENCE COUNTY (Louisa) — A Louisa man was charged last week with fourth degree assault and disorderly conduct when the Louisa Police Department responded to the residence of Louisa City Mayor Teddy Preston in reference to the report of an alleged assault.

Officer Steven Wilburn was advised by the mayor that an unknown man had come to his residence as he was leaving for work and began cursing him, then throwing hot coffee on him.

After the alleged incident the subject, later identified as Billy J. Collins, 53, of Louisa, walked to the area of the Trinity Christian School where Officer Wilburn was able to locate him behind the school and take him into custody without incident. Mayor Preston told a reporter for the local newspaper that he didn't know why Collins acted this way.

"I didn't even know the guy," Preston reported. I don't know what his problem was."

According to the officer's arrest citation, during questioning the subject was asked why he threw the coffee on the mayor and he stated, "I asked him to go have breakfast with me and he told me, no."

The mayor told the newspaper that Colin began cursing him after he told him he had to go to work and after several minutes of cursing him, Collins threw hot coffee on him splattering on the mayor from his waist to his shoes and on his porch and door. The mayor admitted that he did not suffer any serious injury from the coffee splashing. He did not say why he reported the incident to police as an assault.

Collins was lodged in the Big Sandy Regional Dentition Center and the case remains under investigation by Officer Steven Wilburn.

CU professor appears in Lincoln movie

TAYLOR COUNTY (Campbellsville) — Imagine keeping a secret as big as being in a Steven Spielberg film for a year. Dr. Reese Land, associate professor of music/trumpet in Campbellsville University's School of Music, did just that. And he is now able to talk about his role in the newly released movie "Lincoln," starring Oscar winner Daniel Day-Lewis and directed by Spielberg, who has been called one of America's most popular and influential filmmakers in the history of cinema.

Land appears within the first 15 minutes of the film during a flag-raising scene. Land, who is a trumpeter, can be seen to the left of Lincoln, played by Day-Lewis, among the crowd of about 200 people. He is in a red Civil War-style uniform playing an over-the-shoulder baritone. Land used an original instrument that dates back to 1865. Land was to remain silent about the production, shot in December 2011, until the premiere. Land and the other members of the band got to meet and be photographed with Sally Field, who plays Mary Todd Lincoln in the film. They did not, however, get to meet Day-Lewis, who stayed secluded from everyone when he wasn't needed on set.

"He's a method actor, which means he stayed in character the entire time it was filmed. It was cool to see him acting like Lincoln all the time," said Land.

Trigg Sheriff: KSP wants him to back off cold cases

TRIGG COUNTY (Cadiz) — The Trigg County prosecutor has requested the county's sheriff hand over all his files related to an unsolved murder in 2002. Commonwealth's Attorney G.L. Ovey's made a motion asking for Trigg County Sheriff Ray Burnam to appear in court and produce his files pertaining to the shooting of Chantell Humphries. Claude Russell was tried for Humphries' murder in August, but a mistrial was declared because the jury couldn't reach a verdict. In late November, Burnam, a former trooper with the Kentucky State Police, offered \$1,000 of his own money for fresh information about three unsolved slayings — including Harvey Choat, who was shot in his home in 2008, Kenneth Ladd, who was shot while working the front desk at Lake Barkley State Resort Park in 1980, and Humphries.

Humphries' body was found with multiple gunshot wounds on June 25, 2002, on a Trigg County farm off Wallonia Road. Tests showed a gun owned by Russell was the murder weapon, but police struggled to find other evidence linking him to the crime. KSP handled the Humphries murder investigation.

Elected in 2010, Sheriff Burnam promised during his campaign that he would work to solve cold cases in Trigg County. In a statement issued Friday, Burnam claims Ovey and KSP have asked him to back off investigating the murders.

Woman pleads guilty to trying to trade baby for pickup truck

WHITLEY COUNTY (Corbin) — Instead of going to trial, a mother accused of trading her baby to a Corbin couple for a pickup truck in July, received a probated prison sentence. Heather Kaminsky, 30, who was to go to trial on charges of human trafficking and unlawful possession of a methamphetamine precursor, pleaded guilty to an amended charge of endangering the welfare of a minor and unlawful possession of a methamphetamine precursor. In return for her guilty plea, Kaminsky was sentenced to four years in prison. It was probated for 140 days, provided she have no further legal issues over the next four years. The two charges are not related. The case began in July when an anonymous call came in to the Laurel County Sheriff's Office stating that Kaminsky had traded the baby for a 1999 silver Dodge Dakota. According to investigators, Kaminsky then traded the truck for \$800 and an undisclosed amount of meth before she disappeared. Using the vehicle's registration, investigators were able to track down the truck's new owner at a residence in Keavy. The new owner admitted buying the truck from Kaminsky for \$800, but denied that methamphetamine had been involved in the transaction. Once again, following the truck registration, investigators were led to Jeremy and Jamiee Brown of Corbin.

The Browns had the baby. It was turned over to the Kentucky Department of Social Services.

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Bringing holiday cheer

The holidays are supposed to be a time of joy, but for some older adults, especially those living alone or in long-term care, holidays can be met with stress, confusion and feelings of sadness and loneliness, often intensified because holidays can be further reminders of the loss of loved ones, health and even independence.

During this time of year, older adults can become isolated from their friends, family and community, leading to an increased risk of depression. However, there are several ways to make the holidays brighter and more tolerable.

One of the greatest gifts you can give an older adult is your time. Make it a point to talk with the older adults in your family, neighborhood and those living in long-term care. Listen to their stories, learn from them and try to put yourself in their shoes.

Include older relatives and friends in as much of your family's holiday celebration as possible. This may include taking the holiday celebration to them. Remind older adults why and how they are important to you

Debbie SHEPHERD
County Extension
Agent for Home
Economics



and your entire family.

Invite your elderly neighbor over for some of your holiday celebrations, especially if they would otherwise spend the holidays alone.

Holiday cards can mean a lot to older adults, and with loss, it is not uncommon for cards to diminish in number with every passing year. For some older adults, mail is the only communication they receive from friends and family. Make an effort to send a card with an upbeat greeting and an update about your life and family. Cards filled with bad news, such as updates on those who died or feel ill, can be upsetting and stressful. If an older adult needs help reading or writing a card, take time to sit with them.

Help older adults decorate for the holidays. Offer to help them hang lights, carry boxes and prepare the

house. If they are in an assisted living facility or nursing home, make the holidays brighter by bringing favorite or meaningful decorations. If the person uses a wheelchair, or is confined to a bed, place the decorations in places that will be most visible to accommodate their needs.

Encourage older adults to attend holiday celebrations and events. Social activities and events to look forward to can be meaningful and can contribute to feelings of belonging and well-being. If an older adult typically throws his or her own party, you can help plan and carry out the event if need be. You may decide to throw a holiday party in honor of a special loved one just to let them know how much they mean to you and others. This can be an uplifting celebration and help keep the older adult connected with their friends and community.

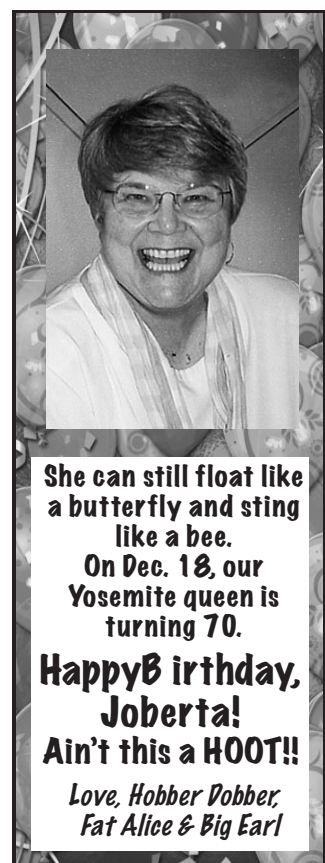
For more information on aging-related topics, contact the Casey County Cooperative Extension Service at 787-7384.



Homemakers bazaar

ABOVE, vendors Karrell Wilkerson and Leeann McDonald chat with Santa Claus during the Casey County Homemakers' Christmas Bazaar on Saturday. LEFT, vendor Barbara Riddle showcases items at her table at this year's bazaar. The annual event features everything from stocking stuffers to quilts and other handmade crafts.

photos submitted/BARBARA JASCOIR



She can still float like a butterfly and sting like a bee. On Dec. 18, our Yosemite queen is turning 70. Happy Birthday, Joberta! Ain't this a HOOT!!

Love, Hobber Dobber, Fat Alice & Big Earl

Good news in Kentucky

If it seems that the news is often filled more with what's wrong with the world than what's right, the holidays give us a chance to flip that equation for a time.

Here in Kentucky, it doesn't take long to find some good news across the state.

Earlier this fall, for example, we learned our citizens are much more willing to give to charitable causes than those living in most other states. According to the Chronicle of Philanthropy, we rank 15th in this category.

That level of giving extends beyond the pocketbook, based on another study done several years ago. It found that nine out of 10 Kentucky adults say they have at least one other person on whom they could depend outside of family in times of emergency, indicating our willingness to help others in time of need.

In other good news, we recently learned that, even in the face of this past year's drought, farmers are set to finish the year with more than \$5 billion in sales, which is a new record. University of Kentucky economists recently said 2013 could be even better, with the total farm receipts jumping as much as \$600 million because of increased global demand and good prices for many of our commodities. That global demand is especially key for Kentucky, because only four states rely more on farm exports.

Another area where more money is going into Kentuckians' pockets is natural gas.

The Kentucky Public Service Commission says prices have dropped 43 percent since 2008, and are the lowest we've seen in a decade. It's a trend expected to continue in the years ahead.

Those who use the homestead exemption for their property taxes will get to keep a little extra as well. This exemption, which is adjusted every two years, is now \$2,000 more than when last set. It now stands at

Terry MILLS
State
Representative



\$36,000, and it is expected to save \$171 million for the 416,000 Kentuckians who qualify because of their age or disability.

For our younger citizens who envision a career in business, last week was a positive one because Governor Beshear kicked off a new program known as the Governor's School for Entrepreneurs.

This program, which will bring 50 students to Georgetown College next summer, is modeled after the successful Kentucky Governor's Scholars and Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts, both of which have given thousands of high school students an opportunity to be with others

as gifted as they are. In this case, the new program will target those students who are interested in the creative thinking and innovation that drive our economy.

For those wanting to know more, visit <http://gse.kstc.com/>. Applications are due by mid-February.

For now, I hope you are enjoying the season and are able to spend it with family and friends. In the coming weeks, I will use this space to talk more about the issues expected to come up during the 2013 legislative session, which begins Jan. 8.

If you would like to let me know your thoughts on these matters, feel free to write to me at Room 329B, Capitol Annex, 702 Capitol Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601.

You can also leave a message for me or for any legislator at 800-372-7181. For those with a hearing impairment, the number is 800-896-0305.

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Matthew 5:3-9

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Bruce's Chapel

Attendance at Bruce's Chapel was 45. Bro. Creech Richardson's message, "The Gift of God's Word," was from Matthew 13:23 and Luke 10:42.

The children's sermon was presented by Chad Davenport.

Chad and Sara Davenport celebrated an anniversary.

Our Christmas play will be Sunday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m.

Brush Creek Pentecostal

Attendance at Brush Creek Pentecostal Church was 56 with 10 children in the penny march.

Wednesday night, Bro. Scott Cochran's message, "Are You Ready to Fight?" was from Ephesians 6. Bro. Billy Bryant's Saturday night message, "My God is More Than Enough," was from Joshua 1:9-13.

His Sunday night message, "Get Your House in Order," was from Matthew 24.

Prayer list: Joanne Wilson family, Joyce Cochran, Archie Coffman, Paul Hale, Earlean Owens, Betty and Glinda Beal, David McK-inney, Jody Smithers, Gene and Erica Benson, Bethany Beldon, Brookley Davis, Betty Bernard, Ricky Terrell, Ronald Cochran, Mike Grimsley, Ruby Scott, Thomas Reed, and Jeff Lamb.

Ellisburg

Ellisburg Baptist Church had 68 in attendance. Special music was by Carroll Wethington. Bro. Jerry's message, "Peace By All Means," was from II Thessalonians 3:16-18.

Bro. Jerry's evening message, "Christ The Perfect Sacrifice," was from Hebrews 10:1-18. Special music was by Hattie Maynard.

Prayer list: Gail Graybeal, Charles Ellis, Pina Lane, Cathy Adams, Jim Reed, Gail Turpin, Bethany Beldon, Randy McGirr, Annie Crews, Bill Carr, Archie Coffman, Emilee Pack, Doug Ellis, Jamie Howell, Eddie Huff, Danielle Stevens, and Betty Beal.

First Baptist

Attendance for Sunday school was 93 with 130 for worship at First Baptist Church.

Marcenia had the children's message, giving them filled stockings and asking them to share one thing out of it with someone else this week. Special music was by Pam Shipp and Kirk Leigh. Bro. Jimmy's message, "Eternity Is Real," was from Romans 6:23.

The monthly business meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday along with all the youth activities.

Thursday evening the senior adults will be going to the Golden Corral in Somerset for their annual Christmas dinner.

Added to the prayer list: Teresa Johnson, Rose Adams, Glenna Stephens, Donald Skaggs, Billy Weddle, and the Violet Adams family.

Goose Creek

Goose Creek Baptist Church had 12 for Sunday school and worship and 15 Sunday night.

Bro. Terry Phelps brought the morning and evening messages, "Who's Gonna Fill Their Shoes?" from II Timothy 1:1-6 and "Some Things The Lord Isn't In" from I Kings 19:8 and I John 4:2-13.

Prayer requests: Stevie Harris and family, Shelby Henson, Kim Kelch and

family, Otis Wilham, Tim McDonald, Jasper Brown, Michelle Luttrell and family, Marty Daniel and family, Charity Phelps, Lacie and Jade Brown, David Asberry and family, Roy and Bonnie Meeks, Dale Brown, Ronnie and Johnny Asberry, Sue and Jeff Stafford, Roxie Peavey, Cleo and Robin Harris, Geraldine and Emmitt Asberry, Shirley Carlton, Donnie and Imie Hiter, Billy Hewitt and family, Merlene Coffman, Terry Phelps and family, and Noel Rodgers and family.

Hwy. 49 Holiness

Attendance at Hwy. 49 Holiness Church was 37. Bro. Phillip Smallwood's message, "The Power of Encouragement," was from Isaiah 41:1-7, I Samuel 30:1-14, Matthew 11:1-18, and Hebrews 12.

Celebrating birthdays were Clevie Rodgers, Brian Taylor and David Luke Smallwood Scott.

Bro. Phillip's evening message was from Matthew 16:24-28, I Corinthians 1:17-18, Colossians 2:12-15, and Hebrews 12:1-2.

Bro. Shirley Denson's Wednesday message was from Acts 1:2-8, "Ye Shall Receive Power."

Prayer requests: Don Hale, Joyce Cochran, David McKinney, Brandon Pemberton, Janice Smallwood, Phyllis Denson, Jody Smithers, Kenneth Durham, Gene, Carol and Erica Benson, Jimmy Allen, Tim Denson, Natalie Hatter, Charles Harmon, Bobby Cook, Cheyenne Wright, and David and Ann Rodgers.

Jennies Chapel

Attendance at Jennies Chapel was 52. Pastor Wayne Cole's message, "Seeds of Forgiveness," was from Luke. A dinner was held after services in celebration of baptisms of four youth.

We visited nursing homes on Friday night and Sunday after services. Christmas caroling was Saturday night. Wednesday night Bible study will be in Proverbs 21.

Play practice will also be Wednesday night.

Middleburg Baptist

Kelsey Haste and Bro. Ronnie had special music at Middleburg Baptist Church. Bro. Ronnie's message, "Point the Way to Christ," was from Luke 3:1-20.

Sunday evening, Bro. Ronnie read Luke 1:5-25, "If God Put You in the Bible, What Would the Bible Say About You?"

Brittany Pennington had special music. The choir will perform the Christmas cantata on Sunday morning.

On Sunday afternoon, the children will be preparing and delivering fruit baskets. Sunday evening will be an informal hymn sing.

Additions to the prayer list: Gene Benson, Faith Bradley, Sam Dunbar, Denver Durham, Eugene Hamilton, Ethel Morris, Lydia Turner, and the family of Regina Murphy.

Mt. Calvary Baptist

Attendance was 16 for Sunday school with 30 for worship at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Children's service had eight present for Bro. Johnny's message, "Jesus' Earthly Father." His sermon continued on the same topic from Matthew 1:18-25. Eula Durham had a special solo.

Several members met to prepare fruit baskets for shut-ins. These were delivered during Christmas

caroling before evening service.

The evening message, "Jesus' Earthly Mother" was from Isaiah, Matthew and Luke. The young people practiced the Christmas play.

Christmas play is Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. On Dec. 23. at 11 a.m. we will have an adult Christmas musical. We are still collecting items for the Team Kid Christmas store Dec. 23 at 5 p.m.

Prayer requests: Bobby Goodman, Glen Carman, John S. Hatter, Iva Hatter, Dora Jean Benson, Erica Benson, Joyce Maupin, Gay Turner, Jack and Teresa Johnson, Jeanette Terry and Jeanette Thomas families, Janet Hannel, Claire Morgan, and Blayne and Hayden Shepard.

Mt. Calvary Community

Attendance at Mt. Calvary Community Church was 34. Bro. Paul Wilkerson read John 14:27-29 as devotional, "Promise of the Spirit." Bro. Josh Robinson read Philippians 3, "Testimony of Paul." Bro. Bill Williams' message was from II Timothy 3, "The Lord Knowest."

Shirley Roark celebrated a birthday.

Prayer requests: Keith Davis, Rosemary Daniels, Glen and Brenda Dehart, Ronald and Kim Dehart, Jeremy Wilkerson, Joseph Nix, Sharon Foley, Randy Price, Kim Goad family, Pete Lee family, Arvil Price, Bobby and Holly Price, Nancy Leak, Pam Smith, Joe Cain, Amber Knight, Shannon Lee, Dorothy and Dayton Luttrell, and Dwight Hadley's family.

Mt. Pleasant

Mt. Pleasant Church had 35 in attendance.

Charles and Barbara Norfleet celebrated an anniversary. Joy Coppage celebrated a birthday.

Christmas Rapture will be Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Also, Christmas dinner will be Dec. 16.

Prayer requests: Emily Howton, Chris Patton, Clint Bowling, John S. Hatter, Joyce Cochran, Billie Tarter, Bethany Beldon, Mabel Allen, Erica Benson, Gene Benson, Joan Wilson family, Rebecca Cochran, Stacy and Pam Cochran, Tim Spears, Reagan Black, Barry Bell, Brookley Davis, and Susie Davis.

Mt. Olive

Mt. Olive Christian Church had 68 for Sunday school. The lesson, "One In Jesus Christ," was from Ephesians 3:14-21. Worship service had 118. The message, "Relating to the Shepherds," was from Luke 2:8-14.

Birthdays were Tim Janes, Herbie Todd, Doris Fleenor, and Donnie Floyd. Anniversary was Larry and Joann Hatter.

We had 123 for the evening service. The Mt. Olive Puppeteers presented their Christmas program, followed by an appearance by Santa.

There will be no Wednesday evening service. We will be having play/choir practice for the Christmas program.

Saturday and Sunday at 6 p.m. the Living Christmas Tree program, "Repeat the Sounding Joy" will be performed.

Prayers requests: McKenzie Woods, Bethany Beldon, Erica Benson, Jay Price, Nancy Patch, James Salyers, and the family of Regina Murphy.

Old Time

Old Time Independent Baptist Church had 19 for Sunday school. Bro. Tony Rodgers taught from Matthew 25:14-30. Attendance for worship was 35. Bro. Andrew Luttrell preached from Luke 16:19-29, "Are You Ready?"

Evening attendance was 22. Bro. Tony Rodgers' message was from Luke 8:26-40, "Demons Cast Out of the Maniac of Gadara."

Prayer requests: Tyler Sherrel, Steve Calhoun, Bro. Ricky Rodgers, Shane Rodgers, Bro. Andrew Luttrell and family, Tommy and Clair Beth Wright, Cassie McAninch, Sue Rodgers, Jr. Pemberton, Merrell and Sheryl Campbell, Ronny Price and family, Paul McQueary, Tony Rodgers and family, Johnny Wolford, Danny Hall, and Angie Mason.

Pleasant Grove

Wednesday night Bible study from Matthew 7 was led by Bro. Gary Johnson at Pleasant Grove Church. Attendance was 12. Sunday school was led by Bro. Mark Atwood reading Proverbs 27. Attendance was 27.

Bro. Steve Warner's message was from Romans 8:31-39, "We Are More Than Conquerors Through Him That Loved Us." Attendance was 41.

His evening message was from John 17:1-8, "Christ the Great Intercessor." Attendance was 20.

Prayer requests: Gene Johnson, Harvey and Phyllis Wheeler, Jimmy Allen, Johnny and Courtney McFarland, Vance Leigh, Jay Price, Eddie Price, Ralph Roy, David Long, Archie Coffman, David McKinney, Paul Hale, Rose Cox, Kelly McFarland, Jody Smithers, Michaela Cooper, Wade Bailey, Gary and Carla Johnson, Lela Land, Josh Polston, Jerry Ridge, Bethany Beldon, and the families of Joey Sanders and Louie Buck.

Poplar Grove

Poplar Grove Baptist Church had 47 in attendance. Bro. Brent's message, "God at Christmas," was from Luke 2:7. Bonnie King had the children's message.

Celebrating birthdays were Linda Reed, Morgan Wethington and Doris Fleenor. Jamie and Annetta Daniel had an anniversary.

Our Christmas play will be Dec. 23 at 6 p.m.

Prayer list: Steve Janes, Linda Wethington, Dale Wilkinson, Joyce Maupin, Calvin Allen, Paul Hale, David McKinney, Jody Smithers, Deloris Taylor, Donald Allen, Louise Allen, Eddie Price, Mildred Cochran, Sheila Rigney, Gavin Turpin, Braydon Taylor, Christine Wiser, Bill Phelps, Marlene Melton, and Quentin and Jewel Allen.

Poplar Springs

Poplar Springs Baptist Church had 39 for Sunday school and 54 for worship. Bro. Johnny Maupin's message, "The Magnificat," was from Luke 1:46-56. Special music was by the choir and Marvetta and Lisa Russell.

Christmas nativity scene and singing will be Dec. 16 at 5 p.m. Dinner will follow. Hymn sing will be Dec. 30 at 6 p.m. at Mt. Calvary. WMU will have a baby shower for Ryan and Abby Richards on Jan. 18 at 7 p.m.

AWANA attendance was 30.

Prayer requests: Bro. Johnny and Joyce Maupin, Bro. Noel and Della Dotson, Inga Stephens, Kathy

Mathews, Faith Head, Allen Johnson, Rose Wilham, Roy Wilham, Sue Clements, Judy Zeiss, Tracy Johnson's mother, aunt and sister, Rhonda Russell, Dale Spears, Lois Lanham, Mildred Randolph, Mark Gosser and family, Rev. Stan Muntz, Rev. Ted Tanner, Rev. Val DeSilva, Archie Coffman, Dustin Gosser, Kent Hudson, Gwen Russell and family, Linda Pierce, Brandon Monday, Mason Roy, and the families of Joann Wilson, John Lello, and Madalyn Overstreet Sheperson.

Rich Hill

Wednesday night Bible study covered Acts 13:31-48 at Rich Hill Christian Church. We ministered at the nursing home Saturday.

Sunday morning devotional, Ephesians 3:14-21, was read by Tim Buis. Sunday school lesson, "One in Jesus Christ" was from Ephesians 2:11-23. Bro. Steve Wesley's message, "The Parable of the Ten Virgins" was from Mathew 25:1-13.

His evening message "A Plea for God's Presence" was from Isaiah 64:1-2, 63:15. Specials were by Dennis Pond and Stephanie Buis.

Prayer requests: Crystal Pence, Alex Colvin, Erica and Gene Benson, Tim and Rita Dunham, Jody Murphy, Delmer Sims, Doris Edens, Stephanie Buis, Debbie McAninch, Tyler Buis, Boone McQueary, Gay Turner, Sue Buis, Frankie and Rachel Goff, William Hall, Jeanetta Allen, Maxine Roy, Paul McQueary, Bethany Beldon, Josephine Buis, Wanda Wilhelm, Violet Buis, Bill Hall, Brooklyn Carman, Ruby Wethington, Janet Wilson, Teia Daniel, Larry McFall, Cindy Wells, Jannis Phelps, Hubert Sims family, Violet Adams family, and Lilburn Roy.

Rocky Ford

Rev. Matt's sermon at Rocky Ford Baptist Church was from Genesis 4:8-15, "Four Marks, False Religion."

We had our annual Christmas dinner.

Prayer concerns: Regina Murphy family, Laura Allen, Nancy and Leonard Porter, Betty Bernard, Garth Fights family, Paul Hale, Essie Taylor, Jim Reed, Elizabeth and Doug Lewis, Barbara Beeler, Braydon, Devon and Riley Norrholm, Mildred Reed, and David McKinney.

Sacred Heart

The bake sale and craft bazaar went well at Sacred Heart Church. Mass for Christmas will be at 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve. All are invited for this event and the free refreshments afterwards.

St. Bernard

The pancake breakfast benefit held at St. Bernard Church for Jeannie and David Allen, whose home burned a few months ago, netted almost \$600.

Christmas Midnight Mass, a Clementsville tradition, for more than two centuries, is open to everyone in the area and is followed by free coffee, hot chocolate and cookies.

Walltown

Attendance at Walltown Christian Church was 42. Sunday school lesson was from Ephesians 2:11-22, "One in Jesus Christ," taught by Ray Meece. Special singing was by Sheila Gribbins and Ray and Jo Meece.

Bro. Lynville Hatter's message was from I John 4:17-21 and John 3:16-21, "God is Love."

His evening message was from Genesis 2:5-10 and Revelation 22:1-21, "The Garden and the River."

Special singing was by Sheila Gribbins and Jo Meece.

Prayer requests: Hubert Sims family, Rita Dunham's family, Murrell and Reba Phillippe, Charles Phillippe, Ray and Jo Meece and son, Valerie Baker and her mother, Sheila Gribbins' niece, Gladys Salyers, Lecrita Peyton family, Jeremy Franks and family, and Lynville and Cathy Hatter.

Walnut Hill

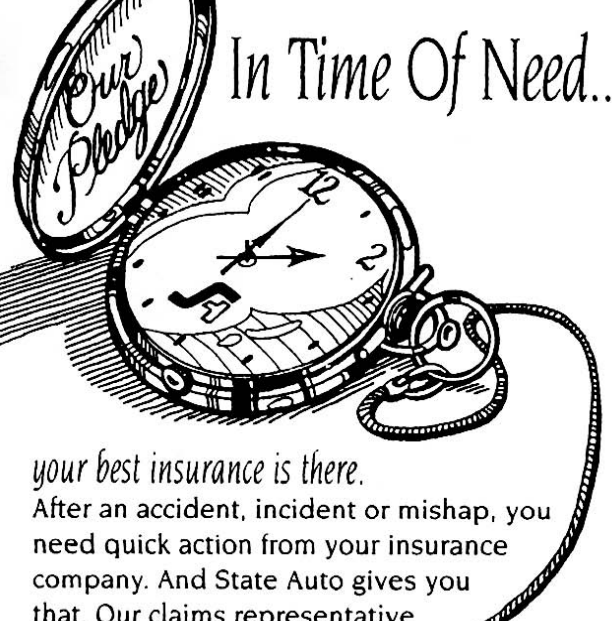
Attendance at Walnut Hill Separate Baptist Church was 89 with 13 in the youth choir. Bro. Rodney Smith's message, "Looking for the String, God Must Come First," was from I John 2:1-12, 3:8-11, and Luke 14:25-33.

Wednesday night service is at 7 p.m. studying Isaiah 56. Youth will practice the Christmas program, which is Dec. 16 at 6 p.m.

Prayer requests: Eddie Price, Joseph Underwood, Justin Underwood, Joyce and Curtis Crew, Vickie Cowan, John S. Hatter, Gene Benson, Erica Benson, Regina Murphy family, Mrs. Marvin Wilson, Don Smith, Billie Wilson, Brookley Davis, Hunter Baldock, Dennis Baldock, Ronnie Atwood, David McKinney, Alice Brown, Joanna Wilson, Taylor Roy, Mike Hatter, and Mati Zeiss.

Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

Mark 13:31-33



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10 YEARS AGO
Dec. 11, 2002

The first winter storm hit hard. A major winter snowstorm that left its mark from the Midwest through the Northeast dumped between three and four inches of snow on Casey County and then added insult to injury by coating it with a layer of freezing rain.

The winter storm forced the cancellation of many activities, including Liberty's Christmas Celebration. The two-day event was rescheduled for the next weekend.

A long-awaited sewer expansion was reported to be coming to Liberty, but not without a cost to its residents. A monthly surcharge was estimated between \$15-\$23.

The Liberty City Council faced the task of deciding if they'll increase the sewer rate due to the city's upcoming sewer expansion project.

The Casey County Community Choir gave its first holiday performance of "Let There Be Peace" at West Side Christian Church.

Casey County Judge-Executive Ronald Wright delivered the oath of office to his son, Brian Wright, on Dec. 2. Brian was recently elected Commonwealth's Attorney for the 29th Judicial Circuit. He had been serving as Acting Commonwealth's Attorney since his appointment in April.

Back and Body Chiropractic Center collected 5,000 canned food items for the Casey County Community Ministries' food pantry, which is operated at The Gathering Place.

Jeff Bastin bagged a 10-point buck during the 2001 gun deer hunting season. Bastin's buck was the largest typical buck taken in Kentucky last year and was featured in the November issue of Kentucky Game & Fish.

Obituaries: Felin W. Baxter, 85; Patricia J. Blevins, 41; Gus-sie H. Cloyd, 79; Ervin Kilby, 72; John W. Lanham, 88; Victory Smith, 70; Mildred Toms, 67; Maxine Walls, 66.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 9, 1992

The administrator of the Casey County War Memorial Hospital resigned.

A Casey County man was charged with first-degree assault after he allegedly hit another man in the head with a

tire tool.

Casey County students who did not have their immunizations up to date by Jan. 27 would face suspension from school.

Casey County school officials were reviewing procedures on picking up students from school after the body of a Clay County elementary student was found a few days after being taken from school by a woman claiming to be his cousin.

Old-Fashioned Christmas winners: Roger and Yvonne Campbell, Ky. 80, won first place in the best home decoration contest; Countryside Florist won the best business window decoration contest; and Misty Hair, 10, and Joshua Swango, 5, were the winners of a bicycle decorating contest.

Mary K. Sneed of Yosemite was awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children.

Dean's Tree Farm on Reynolds Creek Road was selling five- to eight-foot White Pine Christmas trees for \$22-\$28. Balled or burlapped trees were available for \$30-\$38.

Two-liter bottles of Coke were 49 cents at Sweeney's A&D Supermarket.

Obituaries: Ottie Brown, 59; Betty Jane Gadberry, 80; Roy R. Pendleton, 61; Ruth M. Hall, 93.

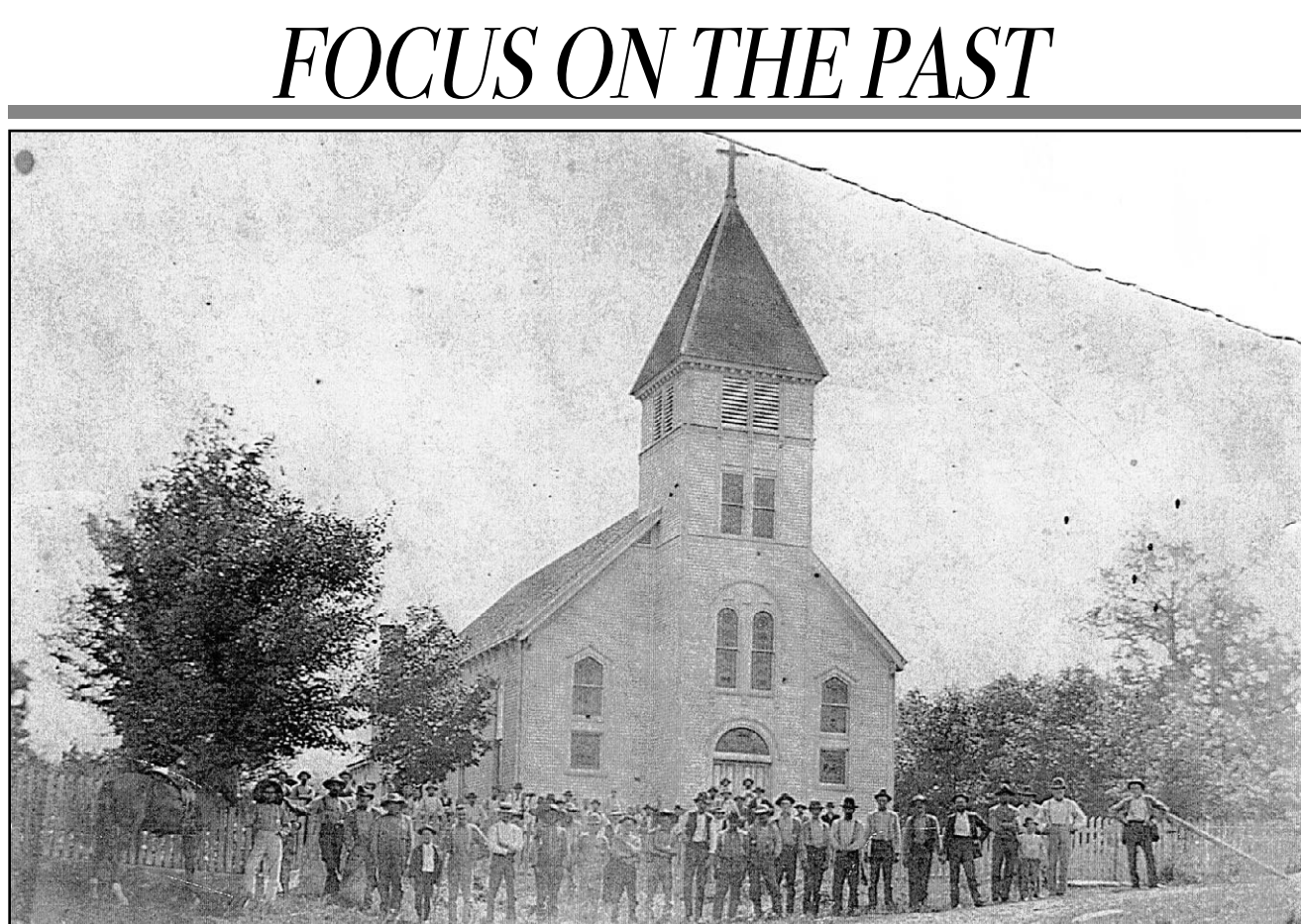
30 YEARS AGO**Dec. 8, 1982**

The U.S. District Court in Bowling Green ruled that two Kentucky State Troopers did not violate the civil rights of a Marion County man whom they had arrested in January 1979.

Rev. Harry Dooley, pastor of Liberty First Baptist Church, was preparing for a trip to Nigeria where he and several others would be assisting a Lincoln County missionary.

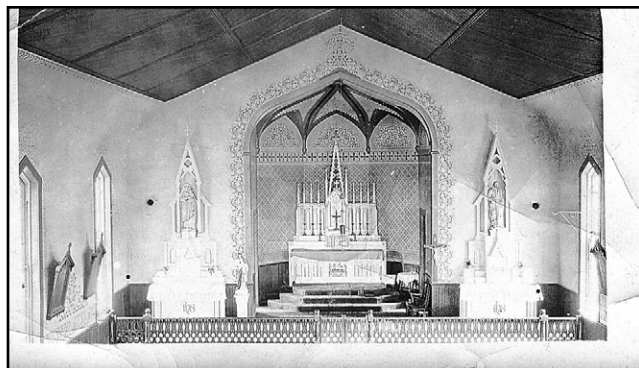
Liberty experienced a series of thefts the previous week with three break-ins and a battery theft reported to city police chief Larry Bowmer. Two break-ins were reported the same night, one at Liberty Middle School and the other at Emma's Restaurant on Hustonville Street.

Lara Sweeney, 10, daughter of Steve and Rita Sweeney, had won more than 50 trophies in two and one-half years of baton twirling. She was cur-

**St. Bernard Catholic Church**

This group of men, and one horse, pose in front of St. Bernard Catholic Church in Clementsville, which was erected in 1891. The church burned Jan. 7, 1949. The photo at right shows the interior of the old St. Bernard church.

photo submitted/DORIS BOWMAN



rently a fifth-grader at Liberty Middle School and a member of Missy's Majorettes.

David Phelps and his 14-year-old son, Shannon, invented a device that made tobacco stripping easier. They converted a hay elevator into a conveyor that carries bare stalks out of the stripping room.

Fresh Grade A large eggs were 38 cents a dozen at Abe's Pic Pac.

John Silver, a Dry Creek resident, was certified as a tree farmer by the Tree Farm Committee of the Kentucky Forest Industry Association.

The Liberty Downtown Merchants were sponsoring a giant Christmas giveaway with approximately \$600 in prizes and gift certificates.

Toyland was open at Dimeco Variety Store and offering free gift wrapping.

Obituaries: Michael F. Wesley, 38; Mitchell Wesley, 85; Emma Lynn, 66; Mary Black, 72; Estil Toms, 61; Addie Clarkson, 98.

40 YEARS AGO**Dec. 14, 1972**

Two Casey County men

were charged with cattle rustling after two Angus cows they took were identified by the owner. The cows were found in a pen in the woods.

The Kentucky State Police accounted it would move to new headquarters in Columbia. The old headquarters had been in Lebanon.

Malcolm Wolford was elected president of the Men for Christ, a group comprised of men from several Christian churches in the south central Kentucky area.

Clifford Clements was elected chairman of the county's Democratic Party, while Mildred Cutter was elected secretary-treasurer.

The Casey County High School boys' basketball team was ranked first in the region in the Litratings of the Courier-Journal this week with 77.9 points. Danville had 66.5 and Laurel County, 66.3 Monticello and Stanford each had 66.

"The Undefeated" was showing at the Kentuckian with John Wayne and Rock Hudson. The midnight show was "Twins of Evil" with Peter Cushins.

A&D Supermarket had eight

16-ounce bottles of Pepsi or 7-Up for 77 cents.

Abe's Pic Pac had Fab detergent for 79 cents a box.

Obituaries: Samuel Al Witt, 31; General Washington Meece, 78; Edna Frances Ellis, 86; James M. Huff, 72; Ada Farmer Linville, 63; Eunice Bowmer Turner, 59.

50 YEARS AGO**Dec. 13, 1962**

City Judge Ray Thomas spent the night in jail after he was accidentally locked in a cell by the chief of police. The judge had been repairing a broken windowpane in the empty cell when the police chief brought in four prisoners whom he had escorted to dinner. The police chief didn't see the judge in the back of the cell when he closed the door. Although Thomas yelled at him, he didn't hear him. Thomas released the four men the next day, saying the jail wasn't properly heated.

Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Bartle and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cochran celebrated their 50th wedding an-

niversaries.

A surprise snowfall followed by temperatures as low as 14 degrees below zero kept residents inside for several days.

A home was destroyed by fire on Dec. 7. However, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gamett "Snake" Sweeney was saved by firemen. The fire started from a defective flue.

A list of Casey County residents and their new telephone numbers, as issued by General Telephone Co., was published.

"The Hellions," "Mister Rock and Roll," "My Geisha," and "Five Weeks in a Balloon" were showing at the Kentuckian theatre.

Liberty Walgreen had a huge Christmas sale going on. Among the advertised items was a Texas Ranger Double Action toy rifle for \$1.49.

Obituaries: Chester Hendricks, 9; Christopher Columbus Weddle, 73; Rosa Lee Jones, 69; John W. Reese, 74; Loretta Frances Wheat, 18 months.

Fred's Finest

Burkhard's exercise program for farmers

Originally published in the Nov. 28, 1984 issue of The Casey County News

The most popular books on the market in the last five years have been on exercise and fitness. This has caused us to write a book of our own, but for a special group of people.

Knowing that farmers and tenant farmers have their last crop, their tobacco, on the market on or slightly after the first of December, farmers are apt to loaf during the winter months until about April 1 of the following year.

It is thus fitting these sons of the soil have something during the winter months to keep them occupied and have sufficient exercise to keep them fit for the hard days coming up in April and afterward.

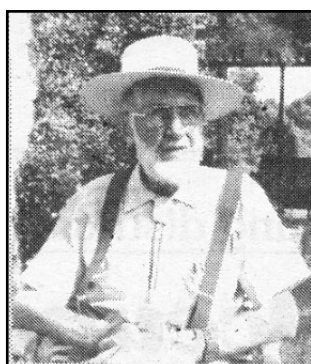
We would have them milk by hand two cows, morning and night. What to do with the milk is something else other than what the normal family would consume in its natural eating program. Surplus milk can be made into butter, for example, and if there is a surplus of this it makes a fine present in one-pound packages. The surplus milk also makes good feed for the dogs or even a pig or two.

The next thing we would have them do is to load and distribute from 20 to 40 bales of hay to cattle. If the farmer has no such herd he can haul it out for a neighbor. This sure beats lifting weights and such, or as the technical term is known, "pumping iron."

Then we would have the farmer change his weight lifting program to include a pickup load of stovewood every three days. The first day we would have him cut a load, the second day split and pile it for easy access, and the third day load and deliver it.

There are days during the winter when it is impossible to take a truck out on soft ground. On such days, one could just cut and split and pile the stovewood and haul it out when the ground is frozen or it has dried off to allow a truck to be used.

In the case of tenant farmers they may not have a patch of wood of their own. Most of those



By Fred Burkhard
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with wood would allow cutting for half of the wood, while the tenant could sell or give away his share — naturally keeping for himself what he could use.

We hear about farmers with woods who will not let wood harvesters in their patches, and there is a reason for this. There is a tendency to cut timber which should be left standing. On the other hand, we see few fields with woods bordering them where there are trees hanging out in the cultivated fields which need out, and are in fact weeds and damaging the cultivated fields even down to cow pastures.

During the year we give away garden produce and in past years have cut and delivered wood to others less fortunate. These same people have more than compensated with return gifts to us. One made us knitted sweaters, while another keeps us in eggs during the height of the egg season. That's known as barter, son.

People in cities pay good money for the privilege of pumping iron in special spas set up for the purpose. On the farm scene, however, a person can get the same kind of exercise and get paid for it. Isn't nature wonderful?

Editor's Note: As space allows, The Casey County News will reprint some of the stories, editorials and columns written by the late Fred Burkhard, former editor/publisher of The Casey County News. Stories may be slightly edited.

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Pay attention to college application deadlines

High school seniors should pay attention to application deadlines for college admissions and financial aid.

Here are some tips from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA):

If you have not yet chosen a college, narrow your list by visiting schools, comparing colleges online and talking with your counselor and your parents.

Talk with teachers about writing recommendations for you. It is also time to complete your admissions essay if you need to write one.

Check with the financial aid offices of the schools to which you've applied to determine if they require any financial aid forms other than the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Familiarize yourself with the FAFSA. Unless you are starting college before July 1, you cannot file the FAFSA until after the first of the year. But you should still

take a look at the information it requires and make plans to attend a College Goal Sunday session near you. Your counselor should have information about College Goal Sunday.

Attend any college fairs and financial aid seminars offered at your high school or in your area. If a company charges a fee for helping with applications, remember that you can do that yourself for free. If you decide to pay for help, make sure the company is reputable by checking with the state Attorney General's office or Better Business Bureau in your area, as well as the area where the firm is located.

To find links to other useful education websites, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7372.



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Weather 101

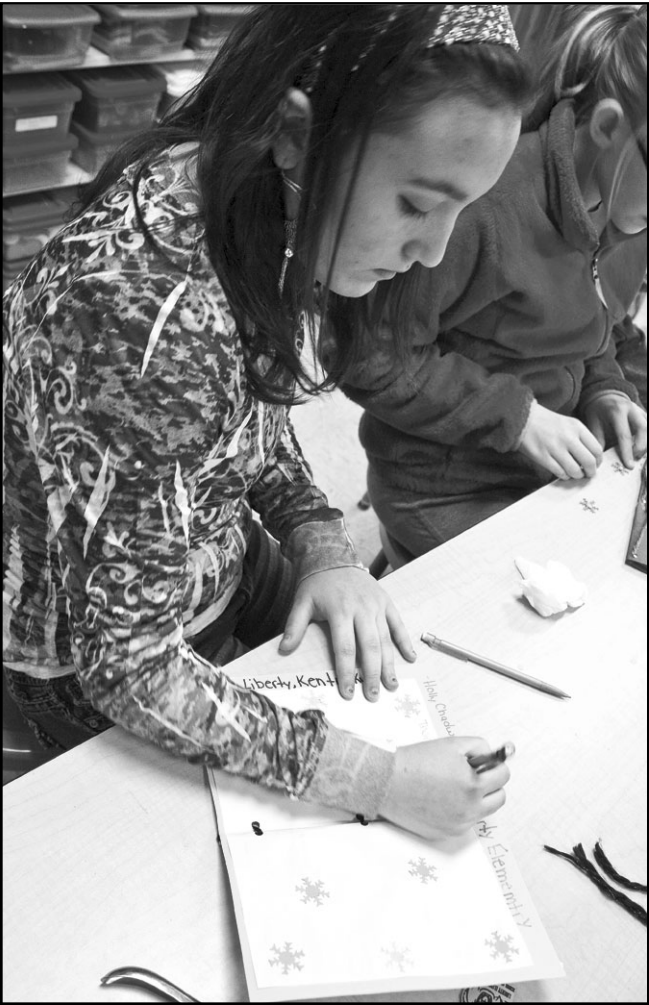
LEX 18 Meteorologist Bill Meck recently visited fourth-graders at Walnut Hill Elementary School and Liberty Elementary School for a Weather 101 presentation.



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PAWSitive Panthers

Jones Park Elementary's PAWSitive Panthers for November were, front row, from left, Jeslyn Salyor, Christopher Salazar, Winston Means, Kaylee Todd, Katie Burkhart. Second row, Destiny Rayborn, David Brown, Macy Childers, Savannah Twilley, Mikayla Fair, Shelbi Black, Hunter Pendleton. Back row, Tracy Phelps, Benton Hayes, Chelsea Griffin, Catherine McAninch, Nate McGowan, Victoria Gadberry, and Bradley Passmore.



photo/AMANDA COLE

SAM project

Students in Barbara Weddle's sixth-grade class at Liberty Elementary made "Thank You" cards for the Stand Alone Marine (SAM) project. Their cards will be sent to Marines whom recently completed basic training and do not have family coming to their graduation. Pictured is Holly Chadwell, personalizing her card.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Breakfast, lunch menus for Casey County schools

Elementary & Middle School

Breakfast

Wednesday, Dec. 12 — Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast and jelly, fruit or juice, milk.

Thursday, Dec. 13 — Chicken biscuit or cereal, toast and jelly, fruit or juice, milk.

Friday, Dec. 14 — Gravy, biscuit, sausage or cereal and poptart, fruit or juice, milk.

Monday, Dec. 17 — Ham biscuit or cereal, toast and jelly, fruit or juice, milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 18 — Yummy yogurt and Scooby snacks or mini pancakes, fruit or juice, milk.

Lunch

Wednesday, Dec. 12 — Brunch lunch — Scrambled eggs, sausage links, gravy and biscuit, hasbrown potatoes, tomato, baked apples, orange slices, milk.

Thursday, Dec. 13 — Chicken noodle soup or ham sandwich, carrot sticks, broccoli, ranch dip, orange slices, pineapple chunks, milk.

Friday, Dec. 14 — Turkey and cheese sandwich or turkey frank, corn, baked beans, sliced peaches, pear, milk.

Monday, Dec. 17 — Beef vegetable soup with crackers or grilled cheese sandwich, tomatoes, veggie strips with dip, fruit juice bar, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 18 — Ham and cheese sandwich, carrot sticks, cauliflower, apple, cookie or snack cake, milk.

High School Breakfast

Wednesday, Dec. 12 — Chicken biscuit or cereal bar and cereal, fruit/juice, milk.

Thursday, Dec. 13 — Bacon, egg and cheese biscuit or waffle and cereal, fruit/juice, milk.

Friday, Dec. 14 — Sausage, gravy, egg and biscuit or poptart and cereal, juice, milk.

Monday, Dec. 17 — Sausage biscuit or poptart and cereal, fruit/juice, milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 18 — Breakfast pizza or donut and cereal, fruit/juice, milk.

Lunch

Wednesday, Dec. 12 — Chili and crackers or pizza, grilled cheese, carrots/celery and dip, orange/apple, fruit juice bar, milk.

Thursday, Dec. 13 — Barbecue on bun or cheeseburger, french fries, cole slaw, peas, apple/orange, milk.

Friday, Dec. 14 — Spaghetti or pizza, salad, green beans, cauliflower/broccoli and dip, jello with fruit, apple, toast, milk.

Monday, Dec. 17 — Chicken nuggets or pizza, mashed potatoes, salad, steamed carrots, applesauce, apple, roll, milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 18 — Chili and crackers or cheeseburger, grilled cheese, carrots/celery and dip, orange/apple, fruit juice bar, milk.

*Salad boxes and fresh fruit offered daily.

Ephraim McDowell now accepting scholarship applications

Ephraim McDowell Health is now accepting applications for a health care scholarship for the 2013-14 school year.

Scholarships are available to high school seniors or college students from Boyle, Casey, Garrard, Lincoln, Mercer and Washington counties. The application deadline is March 15, 2013.

To be eligible for the scholarship, high school students must be in the top 25 percent of their class, have a minimum ACT score of 21 or SAT score of 1000 and have the intent to enter into an approved health care career program at a regionally accredited college or university. College students must have completed undergraduate educational requirements and be accepted into a professional health career program approved by Ephraim McDowell Health to be eligible for the scholarship.

Scholarships to high school seniors will be paid directly to the college or university and will amount to \$1,000 for the first semester and renewable for the second semester if the recipient earns a 2.5 or higher grade

point average for the initial semester.

For scholarship recipients who are accepted into a professional health career program, the scholarship will amount to \$2,000 for the first semester, renewable for the second semester if the student maintains a 3.0 or higher grade point average for the initial semester.

The programs of study that are eligible for coverage are at the discretion of Ephraim McDowell Health and subject to change. Children of Ephraim McDowell Health Associates will be given preference.

To apply for the scholarship, individuals should print and complete an EMH Healthcare Scholarship application from www.emhealth.org and include scholastic records and recommendations from at least two instructors and one guidance counselor/advisor.

Completed applications and other documentation should be forwarded to Ephraim McDowell Health's Human Resources at 217 South Third Street, Danville, KY 40422 by March 15.

For more information, please call 859-239-3453.

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Medium

Rebels defeat Berea, Oneida at home

By Rita “Peat” Harris
Sports Correspondent

The Casey County Rebel basketball team continued their home winning streak with victories last week over Berea and Oneida Baptist Institute. The team is now 4-2 for the season and 4-0 at home.

“I still think we’re much better than we played today,” said Coach Darry Burkett after Saturday’s win, “but when you open last year 0-17 and this year 4-2, even though we’ve had to fight for all four of those wins, that feels a lot better than 0-17.”

Berea

A strong second half brought Casey County its third straight home win on Dec. 4 when they defeated Berea (1-3) 41-36.

“That was a great win for us,” said Burkett. “We had the best defensive effort the second half that we’ve had in a year. We won that game with defense.”

It was a low scoring first half against the Berea Pirates. The Rebels put up on three points in the first quarter to Berea’s six. The teams headed into halftime trailing by two, 13-11.

Casey more than doubled their points in the third quarter, putting up 16 to the Pirate’s eight, taking a 27-21 lead.

Berea found its shot again in the final quarter, but was unable to slow down the Rebels’ scoring enough to rally a comeback. Casey took the five-point victory.

“We just created turnovers and generated offense out of turnovers,” Burkett said. “We scored 11 points in the first half and we scored (30) in the second half and most of that was off of turnovers.”

Taylor Leigh led the team’s scoring with 14 points, followed by Micah Smith who had 10. Smith and Matt Bianconi also picked up three steals a piece and the team picked off 10 steals. Leigh had the most rebounds with seven.

Oneida Baptist Institute

The Rebels forced Oneida Baptist Institute (0-4) into 24 turnovers in Casey’s home game on Saturday. Casey, who only had seven turnovers, claimed the 57-42 win to maintain their home victory streak.

“This was a total team victory today because we had a total of nine kids go in and give us significant minutes,” Burkett said.

Oneida took the early lead, staying ahead through the entire first quarter. However, a three-point basket at 6:39 in the second quarter would send the Mountaineers into a five minute dry spell.

Casey’s heavy full-court press forced Oneida into turnover after turnover, which the Rebels converted to points. The Rebels took the lead and were up 25-16 with two minutes in the half.

The Mountaineers managed eight more points before the clock expired, but Casey maintained their lead, 29-24.

“(Our press) is getting better every day and that’s the type of style we’re going to play here at Casey County,” Burkett said. “We are going to run up and down the floor and get (the ball) up and down the floor.”

Oneida Baptist outscored Casey in the third quarter and a three-point basket at 1:26 tied the teams, 35-35, as they headed into the final period of play.

Two points from Leigh only 10 seconds into the fourth quarter put Casey back in the lead, 37-35.

Two more from Leigh and two from Smith put the team up by six when Oneida scored with 4:30 to play, the score 41-37.

“We got to four minutes with a six point lead and I called a time out and I said, ‘We’re not playing against that zone any more. We’re going to make them foul us and if we don’t make our free throws we don’t deserve to win the game,’” said Burkett.

The Mountaineers com-



photo/CHRIS ZOLLNER
Zach Scott makes a move to the rim during Casey’s game against Pulaski. The Rebels lost to the Maroons, but defeated Berea and Oneida.

STATISTICS					
Casey County	3	8	16	14	41
Berea	6	7	8	15	36
CASEY COUNTY (4-2) — Taylor Leigh 14; Micah Smith 10; Skyler Wright 6; Matt Bianconi 5; Baylen Hill 3; Zach Scott 3.					
BEREA (1-3) — Trey Terrill 11; Daniel Hubbard 7; Eli Woodie 6; Andy Allen 5; Deandre Tate 4; Nolan Sweet 3.					
Casey County	11	18	6	22	57
Oneida Baptist	13	13	11	7	42
CASEY COUNTY — Smith 18; Hill 12; Leigh 12; Cody Clark 7; Scott 4; Bryan Medellin 2; Wright 2.					
ONEIDA BAPTIST INSTITUTE (0-4) — John Wait-haka 19; Diki Kaiwu 10; Samuel Elendu 7; Brandon Henri 6.					

mitted nine fouls in the last four minutes and Casey responded with 12 free throw points and finished the game with a 15-point victory, 57-42.

“We played very well on the defensive end those last four minutes too because we got out and challenged threes really well,” Burkett said.

Smith led scoring with 18

points, followed by Leigh and Baylen Hill, who each had 12.

The team totaled 14 steals, three each from Smith, Skyler Wright and Cody Clark. Smith led in rebounds with eight.

Casey will not host another home game until Dec. 21 when they face Shelby Valley.

SPORTS TALK

Fans also get excited for coach trade/recruitment

Rita “Peat” HARRIS
Sports Correspondent



isville coach Bobby Petrino signed to take on the coaching position at Western Kentucky University (giving any EKU alums whom are also Wildcat fans an extra reason to hate the Hilltoppers).

As some know, the company I work for outside of writing is based in Louisville and I spend two days a week working in-office. One of the three coworkers I sit with is a former Cardinal football player and the other two are both die-hard Cards fans. Let’s just say last Wednesday when Charlie Strong’s future was still in question, productivity level was at about the same level it gets to during March Madness.

Needless to say, all three were in high spirits Thursday morning with assurance that Strong would bypass a move to Tennessee and remain in Louisville.

The importance of a good coach really sunk in last week with the possibility of Charlie Strong’s departure. Much like my enjoyment in seeing strength in more than one of the state of Kentucky’s basketball programs, I would love to see strength in multiple football programs, especially since we’re not exactly known as a “football state.”

Louisville’s football program has had up and down years (up being with Petrino and down coming with Kragthorpe). I’m excited Strong isn’t jumping ship the first chance he gets. I like to hope that now is when he begins to build a true legacy for himself as a Cardinal.

Meanwhile, I really, really hope Stoops brings a positive turnaround for Kentucky. (Surely we cannot get worse, right?) I hope to hear UK fans excited next season and not already calling for a new hire.

Lady Rebels lose close game to Danville Lady Admirals, 69-62

By Rita “Peat” Harris
Sports Correspondent

For the most part, the Lady Rebels achieved shutting down Danville’s key point-scorers on Saturday evening; however, a record-high night from sophomore Lady Admiral, Cameron McPherson, sent Casey to a 62-69 loss.

“We did what we thought we had to do: we shut Kasey Young down for the most part and the two Gray twins but McPherson kind of went wild on us,” stated head coach Randy Salyers.

The Lady Rebels held Young, a senior, to nine points while Essance Gray and Laken Gray totaled for 22 points; however, McPherson came up with 25 of the Lady Admirals 69 points.

“McPherson probably had the game of her life,” Salyers said. “She shot the ball well and she was very good as far as taking us off the dribble and getting either to the free throw line or

getting to the rim.”

However, Salyers attributes the loss less directly to McPherson’s scoring and more to his team’s turnovers.

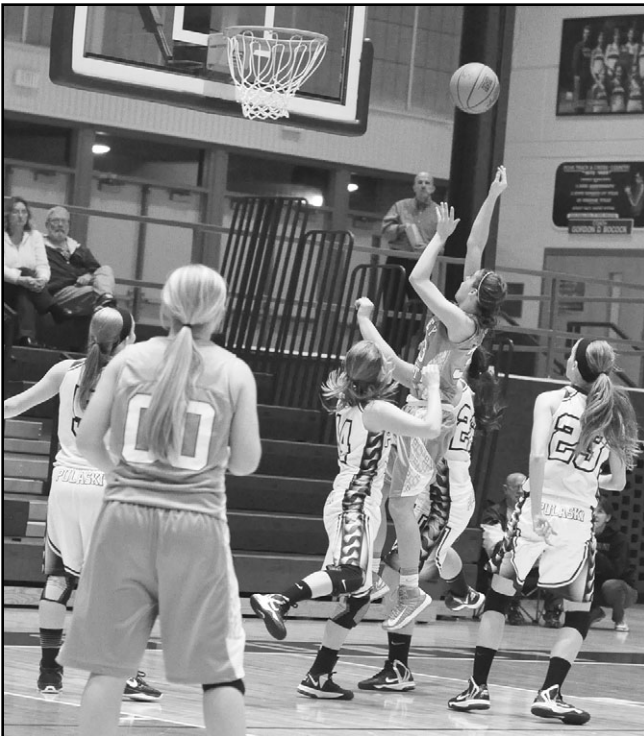
“Danville had two spurts where they went on a 6-0 or 8-0 run. We had some turnovers that led to lay-ups. That was the only thing that really killed us,” Salyers said. “We could climb back in (to the game) each time, but about the time we climbed back in we’d have some break downs where we had turnovers again.”

Casey led the game at the end of the first quarter, 19-17, but a strong second quarter by Danville gave the Lady Ads the halftime advantage: 39-31.

Halftime saw the end of Katie Douglas’s night, who scored eight points during the first half.

“(Douglas) got sick at half time and didn’t even play the second half. That hurt us,” Salyers commented.

The Lady Rebels cut Danville’s lead in the third quar-



photo/CHRIS ZOLLNER
Lakken Miller goes for the rebound during the district game with Pulaski County. Miller scored nine points in the loss against Danville.

ter but missed free throws and a missed lay-up oppor-

tunity in the final minutes of the quarter kept Casey from

Master, students compete in Taekwondo

RIGHT, Six students from Kickin It With JC Taekwondo competed at the 26th Annual Hwang’s Martial Arts U.S. Open Championship Tournament in Louisville on Oct. 27. Back row, from left, are Tomika Poff (first in forms and second in sparring and breaking), Jessica Allen (third in forms and breaking), Emily Gillock (second in forms, weapons, breaking and sparring), Emily Gillock (second in forms, weapons, breaking and sparring), and Master Instructor Sedita Whited. Front row, Case Gadberry (first in breaking and sparring and second in forms), Paddy Jackson (first in breaking and third in forms), and Gavin Fowler (first in breaking and sparring and third in forms).



Sedita Whited, master instructor at Kickin It with JC Taekwondo, won first place in the International Martial Arts Festival’s Olympic-style taekwondo forms in Orlando, Fla., in November.

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REBEL OF THE WEEK

Saluting
Skyler Wright
CCHS Senior



Senior point guard Skyler Wright has been on the CCHS Rebel basketball team for four years. He leads the team in assists. Wright is also a Governor’s Scholar and is on the CCHS Rebel tennis team, where he has qualified for the state tournament.

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Rebels and Lady Rebels begin district play with loss to Pulaski

By Rita “Peat” Harris
Sports Correspondent

The Casey County basketball teams began district play last week with a trip to Pulaski County High School. Both the Rebels and Lady Rebels picked up losses to the Maroons.

Lady Rebels

If not for a weak second quarter, the Lady Rebels may have continued their eight-year winning streak over Pulaski County; however the Lady Maroons captured a 55-48 district win on Dec. 7.

“I’m going to call this a night of misses,” said Coach Randy Salyers. “(We) missed too many easy lay-ups; missed too many defensive assignments; missed too many situations where we didn’t help on the screens. We missed too many people open, cutting through the lane. We just had way too many misses all the way around, offensively and defensively.”

Casey saw a lead in the first quarter, going up 18-14, before Pulaski responded and closed the quarter 18-18.

A breakdown by the Lady Rebels allowed their opponent to outscore them 16-8 in the latter part of the first half.

Pulaski saw its highest lead in the third quarter, going up by 11, 44-33. Two free throws from Tiara Cochran with under a minute in the quarter brought Casey within single digits.

The Lady Maroons got as high as 11 points ahead in the fourth quarter and seven points was as close as Casey would get to a comeback, despite a solid effort from

the Lady Rebels.

“We created three or four turnovers late in the game but we’ve got to be able to finish those plays,” Salyers said. “We’ve got to go attack the basket and be strong as we are going to the basketball. We want to bail out and throw something up or we want to bail out and shoot the little short jumper when we can go on and take it to the basket.”

Salyers felt poor shot selection and impatience were two major factors in the team’s loss.

Katie Douglas had a double-double, leading the team in both points and rebounds, having 18 and 13 respectively. Tiara Cochran had 11 points.

Rebels

Pulaski County had the edge over the Rebels starting with a three-point basket less than a minute into play and went on to win the district game, 64-33.

“There’s a reason they’re ranked 15th in the state of Kentucky,” said Coach Darryl Burkett. “The only way we are going to get better is to keep coming over here and playing them until we get to their level.”

Taylor Leigh put in Casey’s first two points at 6:37 in the first quarter, to make the score 5-2; however two minutes later the Maroons had extended their lead to 11-2.

The pattern continued with Pulaski outscoring Casey nearly 4-1 the first eight minutes. They had a 22-6 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Pulaski began the second quarter with a three-pointer, just as they had the first, but the Maroons committed re-



photo/CHRIS ZOLLNER

Rebel Micah Smith gets high to block a shot at the district match up with Pulaski County. Both the Rebels and Lady Rebels picked up losses to the Maroons during the double header last week.

petitive fouls, sending Casey into the bonus with two and half minutes remaining in the half, down 29-9.

Baylen Hill sunk two free throws to put Casey into double digits and the team picked up four more free throws within a minute. Two points from Tyler Pennington and a two-pointer by Micah Smith allowed the Rebels to cut Pulaski’s lead

and head into half time down 33-20.

Casey immediately began committing fouls in the second half, picking up five team fouls before two minutes had passed.

Hill was called for three of those fouls, giving him a total of five and sending him to the bench with over 14 minutes of game time left. The final foul was named in-

tentional.

“Baylen plays with his hands way too much. We talk about it in practice every day. He’s too important to us to be sitting over there with fouls,” Burkett said. “I knew he had fouls, but I let him play because he’s got to learn to play with fouls, but the fifth foul was a frustration foul.”

With Hill out for the remainder of the game, Pulaski led 43-20.

Two free throws from Smith and a three-pointer by Leigh were the only points the Rebels scored in the third quarter. Pulaski’s scoring only increased.

The Rebels did outscore the Maroons 13-11 in the final quarter, and the final score was 64-33.

Leigh led the team with 10 points and eight rebounds.

“It was our passing that wasn’t good,” Burkett said. “When we threw it into the post, our post people didn’t hold the post. They let (Pulaski) step around and knock

it out of there and then we just couldn’t hang on to the ball.”

The Casey County teams traveled south again yesterday for their second district match-up of the season. The Rebels and Lady Rebels took on Somerset in pursuit of their first district wins.

“It’s going to be a war,” Burkett said prior to playing Somerset. “They’ve got more good players than they know what to do with. They are tremendously huge and they’ve got a lot of good shooting guards.”

Salyers said a win is crucial if the Lady Rebels are to have a shot at the district’s number one seed at tournament time.

“They’re a pretty good team but their record doesn’t show it at this point,” Salyers said. “They’ve got a new coach so they’re doing some adjusting, but they’re a dangerous team.”

See next week’s issue for game results.

STATISTICS

Lady Rebels

Casey County	18	8	9	13	48
Pulaski County	18	16	10	11	55

CASEY COUNTY (1-4) — Katie Douglas 18, 13 rebounds; Tiara Cochran 11; Lakken Miller 6; Sarah Beard 5; Jasmine Johnson 4; Christin Terry 4.

PULASKI COUNTY (2-2) — Brittany Warren 26; Haley Warren 15; Sarah Correll 7; Taylor Brock 3; Payton Ingram 2; Andrea Jenkins 1; Whitney West 1.

Rebels

Casey County	6	14	5	8	33
Pulaski County	22	11	23	8	64

CASEY COUNTY — Leigh 10; Scott 8; Hill 5; Collin Miller 3; Micco Randall 3; Tyler Pennington 2; Smith 2.

PULASKI COUNTY (2-2) — Tyler Goins 16; Kody Johnson 15; Taylor Gover 13; Blake Burton 8; Spencer Laign 6; Riley Hall 4; Unknown 2.

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Abel, Mark W., farm at Mt. Olive, Brown Ridge Rd.
Abel, Sherril, Jonathan Fork Rd., near Gilpin
Allen, Billy, 150 acres on Scotts Chapel
Allen, Quentin, 3 farms., Brush Cr., Chelf & Huffnir Ridges, & Hilltop Dr.
Alonzo, Andrew, 103 acres on Woods Creek Rd.
Ashley, Jimmy & Angie, 70 acres on Bethelridge Rd.
Atwood, Brent, 25 acres on Ky. 49
Atwood, Louise, 126 acres on John Price Rd.
Bailey, Mary Lou, property at 310 Russell Hudson Loop
Baros, William, 45 acres on Casey Creek Rd.
Beal, Betty & Glinda, farms on Peyton Ridge Road, Reynolds Creek & Snake Ridge
Bell, Charles James, U.S. 127 South, Antioch Ridge Rd., Contown
Bove, Diane, farm on Hwy. 1615
Boyd, David, property at 8531 Ky. 78 West, Hustonville
Brown, Charles, 118 acres in Kidd’s Store area
Brown, Loretta, 24 acres on Tennessee Ridge Rd. & 12 acres in Bethelridge on Ky. 70 and Mike Merritt Rd.
Brown, Michael & Barbara, 85 acres m/l farm at 100 Rayborn Hill Rd.
Brown, Vicky, property at 3450 Tennessee Ridge Rd.
Brumby, J.F., 56 acres on Dry Creek Rd.
Bruner, Wendell, farm on Dry Fork Rd.
Burkhard, D. Esther, 83 acres on KY 70 W, Locust Branch; 100 acres on Ewing Ridge
Burton, Betty, property at 1876 KY 206
Burton, Gerald D., 4 farms on Hwy. 80 and a farm on Hwy. 910 at Windsor
Byrd, Micah & Hazel, fm. on Byrd Rdg.
Carman, Kevin & Jenna, approximately 22 acres on Calvary Ridge Rd.
Carr, James A. & Marcella, farms on Caney Fork Creek, Martins Creek & Casey Creek
Carr, William & Debra, 4 acres on Upper Brush Creek
Catlett, Vaughan, 70 acres at 1667 Woods Creek Rd.
Cedar Creek Farm, U.S. 127 North
Clark, James & Sharon, property on Ky. 70 and Ky. 501
Coffey-Morgan, Hites Creek Rd., Middleburg
Coleman, Elmer & Patsy, farm on High Ridge Tower Rd.
Coleman, George, all leased land between Yosemite and Liberty and on Doe Creek, owned by Robert and Jane Scott
Colgan, Robert & Sheryl, property on Upper Brush Creek & Briar Ridge Rd.
Coontz, Bob, 255 acres on Peyton Branch Rd.
Cooper, Raymond, 209 Estelle Lane & 370 Bee Lee Rd.
Covington, Jan, 10 acres on McDonald Rd., Windsor
Cravens, Betty J., farm on Ky. 1649 and 837
Crutcher, Kenneth, 62 acres on

Crutcher Ln.
Daugherty, Gary, farm on Green Pond Rd., Jonathan Fork
Davis, Herbert II & Leanne, 170 acre farm on Red Hill, Dunnville
Denson, Billy, 21.9 acres on Canoe Creek
Dixon, Virginia E. Trust & Dixon family members, property on Blue Bank Rd., Upper Brush Creek Rd. & Davidson Rd.
Douglas heirs, lot on East Yosemite Rd. (known as black house)
Durham, Carol, property and pond on East Yosemite Rd.
Elmore, Jim, 89 acres on Upper Green Pond Ridge
Emerson, David W., all land on Brush Creek
Evans, Ronnie, 15.5 acres on Ky. 1640
Evans, William D., Robert Evans, Georgia Whitt, & Brenda Sagan, 89.4 acres on Green Pond Ridge
Fair, Mattie Cooksey, 774 East KY 70
Faulkner, F.B., 50 acres on Riffe Creek Rd. to river
Fayne, Chris, farm at 3197 Dry Ridge Rd.
Ferrell, David G., 30 acres on Dewey Miller and Poff Emerson Roads
Fields, Corbin, property on S. Ky. 501, approximately one mile up 501, both sides of Trace Creek
Floyd, John C., 50 acres on Hatter Creek
Floyd, Kevin S., property on Grove Ridge
Foster, Albert L., property at 219 Poplar Hill Rd.
Frank, Joe, all property on Calvary Ridge & Bastin Creek
Garrett, James A., 102 acre farm on McFarland Ridge, Peavey Rd.; 100 acre farm on Green River, U.S. 127 north of Dunnville; Garrett Gate Co.
Gentry, Norene, 400 acres on Hwy. 198 near Middleburg
Gilpin, Esker & Sue, 30 acres on Ky. 910
Greene, Lavonda, 27-plus acres on Woods Creek
Greene, Steven, ½ acre at 4305 W. Ky. 70
Grider, Matthew, 18 acres on Arnold Hale Rd. & Smith Rd.
Haggard, J.R., A.C. Haggard Farms, 500 acres owned and leased, around Phil
Harris, Dayton, all property at 1480 Henson Ridge Rd.
Hatchel, Lonnie & Michael, 180 acres on Hwy. 243 (Little South Fork)
Hatfield, Mark, land between Hwy. 70 & 206, private road around water tower on West KY 70
Hatter, David Joe & Wilma, farm on KY 837 at Walltown
Hatter, Roger, 112 acres on Poplar Hill Rd. & 13 acres junction of Ky. 837 and Watson Chapel Rd.
Hatter, Sherman & Louise, 47 acres on Ky. 70 East (Hatter Creek)
Hayes, Odell & Ruby, 300 acres on Button Knob
Hayes, Wayne T., 100 acres on Bull Run
Heckman, Howard & Doree, tract on Ky. 70 West; tracts on Hatfield Road, Dry Ridge and Bryant Ridge
Henson, Gary & Nita, house and farm on Henson Creek Rd.
Hicks, Glen & Linda, 20.7 acres on KY 1547
Hixson, George & Louise, 130

acres and lot in Middleburg, 10 acres on Patsy Riffe
Humphreys, Ray & Mary Beth, 150 acres west of Singleton Rd. & north of Doe Creek at 4896 East Ky. 70
Inman, Valerie, 1 acre at 7290 Ky 910 in Windsor
Johnson’s Farm on Snow Rd. and Indian Creek Rd.
Johnson, Jess & Gladys, property at 655 Ky. 1547
Jowett, Elveta, 55 acres on Canoe Creek & 55 acres on Dug Hill
Kentucky Hardwood Lumber Co., Inc., all properties
Kieser, Sandra, property on Goodin Rd.
Krasnansky, James A. & Georgianna J. Nevers, 4.5 acres at 1232 Jonathan Fork Rd.
Leach, Allan, 40 acres in Ellisburg
Lee’s farm, 19 Caney Fork Ridge Rd.
Leuck, Dan & Wanda, 57 acres on Caney Fork Creek Rd.
Long, James & Antoinette, property at 1060 Canoe Creek Rd.
Lucas, Joseph & Bonnie, 115 acres on Patsy Riffe
Long, Joyce, 2 lots at 163 Ellison Rd.
Lucas, Steven & Theresa, 1088 Patsy Riffe Ridge Road
Luebke, Mike & Martha, 20 acres in Middleburg
Luttrell Simpson, Cindy, property at 291 Taylor St.
Luttrell, Ronald L., 74 acres on Calhoun Creek, 50 acres on Scott’s Branch, 2 acres on Gosser Ridge
Lynn, James M., 15 acres at 1891 Hwy. 127 S. and 4 acres at 7025 Ky. 1859
MacDonald, Roxie, 19 acres on MacDonald Rd.
McAnelly, Dimple, property at 4919 Ky. 49
McDonald heirs, 48 acres on Windsor Rd. and 30 acres on McDonald Rd.
McFarland, David & Dorothy, farm on Hwy. 1547 & farm on Casey Creek Rd.
McFarland, Wesley Jr., 9 acres on Ky. 1859 near Pleasant Grove Church
McKenzie, Johnnie & Mary Jane, 79 acres on Casey Creek
McQueary, Faye, farms on Hwy. 1615 & Canoe Creek Rd.
Malone, Susan M., 2 farms on Ky. 49 near Jacktown
Martin, Donald R. Jr., 132 acres between Ky. 206 and Spruce Pine Creek in Adair Co.
Martin, Sweeney, farm on Dry Ridge
Mason, Donald, 10 acres at 761 Bowman Trail
Massey, Georgia T. & Dr. David Massey, Windsor, Casey & Russell County farms
Means, James, 90 acres on Hwy. 80 & Old Columbia Rd., and farm in northern Casey County, off Ky. 78
Means, Joe, 3 farms on Ky. 910, Dry Fork, & Ky. 80
Meeks, Argle, ¾ acre on Ky. 910
Miller, Hershel & Vena, 4 farms on Martin’s Creek
Mills, Art & Nola, all farms on Woodrum Ridge, Smith Rd., Gene Land Rd., & Caney Fork Ridge Rd.
Monday, Randall & Cynthia, 100 acres on Cedar Hill Rd.
Moore, Matt, property at 435

Hamm Rd., 32 acres and 98 acres (Daphne Allen farm)
Morgan, George W. & Janis, all properties
Murphy, Tina & Sammy, South Fork & Henson Creek
Olenick, Blake D., 161 acres on Upper Brush Creek Rd.
Parks, Bruce & Pat, 158 acres on Clear Branch Rd.
Parton, Laris, 19 acres and house on Parton Rd.
Parton, Wanda & Edward, 50 acres on Upper Brush Creek, 9 acres on Parton Ridge, and 1 acre on Smith St.
Patton, Junior D. & Hilda, farms at 16 Shop Hill Spur Rd., 3885 Gum Lick Rd.
Peck, Etta, farm on Casey Creek
Phelps, David & Elaine, property on Ky. 70 East and Calvary Ridge Rd., Wildean Gilpin properties on Salyers Cemetery Rd. and 1148 Calvary Ridge
Phillippe, Jim and Vicky, all property at Walltown
Pine Grove Church, property on Pine Grove Church Rd. & old Douglas Elementary School
Powers, Virgie R., Jennifer & Adam, all farms on Ky. 243
Price, Gary & Joan Cochran, farms on Green River, U.S. 127, Calhoun Creek, Bear Branch, Pricetown & Contown Ridge
Price, Jeff, farms on Red Hill, Garrett’s Creek & Pricetown
Price, Larry, 154 acres on Henson Ridge
Rasnick, Thelma, 3 acres on Elixir Springs Rd.
Rathke, W.T., farm at 1475 Gosser Ridge Rd.
Ratliff, Robert & Mary, 150 acres on Bastin Creek
Richards, Randy & Dana, farm at Green River Valley
Richardson, Patricia, 1 acre at 669 Mamie Price Rd.
Richardson, Eddie & Sondra, 2 ½ acres on Red Hill Rd.
Rodgers, James L., 47 acres on Victory Rd.
Rodgers, Jeff & Norma, all property on Dry Fork Creek
Rudolf, Edgar & Carole, property at 9696 Ky. 49
Russell, John, 3 ½ acres on Schoolhouse Rd.
Salyers, Ricky, property at 135 Amos Woodrum Rd.
Scott, James & John, farms on Neff Rd., Scotts Chapel Rd., Rouse Branch Rd. & tract on Ky. 1547
Scott, Maxine, farm at 6291 Ky. 49
Sims, Delmer & Glenda, acre lot at Walltown
Sims, Roma Jean, farm on Hwy. 837, Walltown
Singleton, Mary K. Boudreaux, 6 acres, top of hill on Carman Creek Spur Rd.
Sivo, Andrew, 66 acre farm at corner of Glover Cemetery Rd. & Pecks Pike
Smith, Charles & Anna Lou, all properties
Smith, Faye, 3 acres on Poodle Doo Rd.
Smith, Louise, 8.3 acres on Ky. 1859
Smith, Orville, property on Ky. 78 and Ky. 906
Spears, Burel, all property in Bethelridge, 2 lots in Junction City
Stampfli, Tom & Carla, 107 acres between Bastin Creek Rd. and Cal-

vary Ridge
Taylor, Henry, all property on Shucks Creek, Cemetery Rd., Brush Creek Rd., Chelf Ridge Rd.
Thomas, Steve, Teresa & John, property on Red Bud Rd., 2 properties in Walltown on Ky. 837 & Hatter Ridge Rd.
Thompson, Ressie Lee, approx. 15 1/2 acres on Bowman Trail off Dry Ridge
Tremblay, Debbie & Vitus Emerson, Ky. 70 East, Black Ridge Rd., Rubarts Ford
True, Junior, farm on Roy Rd., Ky. 910 and Price’s Creek
Turner, Bernell & Darrell, farms on Ky. 910
Turner, Beverly J. Edwards, 100 acres on Gum Lick
Vassallo, Russell & Virginia, 220 acres on Woods Creek Rd. off Ruth Randolph Rd.
Vaughn, Gary & Vickie, 52 acres on Vaughn Road
Vaughn, Lilburn R., 88 acres on Luttrell’s Creek and 35 acres on Green River, 2 1/2 miles west of Dunnville
Vaught Farms, 214 Robin Dr. off U.S. 127 and off Haggard Rd.
Venema, Ron & Jan, 80 acres on Scherrer Rd. and off Grant Rd.
Vest family, all properties on Thomas Ridge Rd., including entrance and road on this property
Vest, George & Faustine, property on Vest Rd. and property off Hwy. 837
Vest, Larry & Becky, all properties on Willow Springs Rd.
Vest, Rebecca T., 84 acres on Goose Creek
Wade, G.B. Heirs, all property
Wall, Charles, 4.68 acres on Dogwood Gap
Walls, Butch & Kathleen, 138 acres on Woods Creek Rd. Southern Spirit Farm
Walls, Leonard, 25 acres on Cannon Rd.
Weddle, Eardean & Eula, farm on Gosser Ridge Rd.
Wells, Cindy, 15 acres at 1806 Poplar Hill Rd.
Wesley, Elsie & Neola, farm on S. Mike Merritt Rd., Bethelridge.
Wesley, Herschel & Patsy, 86 acres at 1214 Poplar Hill Rd.
Wesley, Steve, all farms on Walnut Hill, Mason and Calhoun Creek
Wesley, Winfred & Ann, propert at 2611 Poplar Hill Rd.
Wethington, Marcus G. & Teresa A., 35 acre farm on Chelf Ridge Rd. & 10 acres on Wheeler Woods Rd.
Wethington, Mike, farms on Ky. 551
Wethington, Sandy, approximately 11 acres on KY 551, 1/2 mile from Clementsville
Whitaker, Charles, property on Ky. 78
White Bros. Farms, 2 tracts, 150 acres and 75 acres on Linnie Rheber Rd.
White, Shannon, 50 acre farm on Linnie Rheber Rd.
Wilkerson, J.C. & Betty, Cora Lee Luttrell farm on Dry Fork Creek; 36 acres on Merritt Ridge Rd.
Wilkinson, Carol J., 38.7 acres on Chelf Ridge Rd.
Williams, Maudine B., farm on Quincey Bastin Rd.
Yaden, Paul & Emma, farm on Dry Ridge



photo/AMANDA COLE

Liberty woman injured in wreck on Ky. 49

A Liberty woman was injured in a one-vehicle wreck on Ky. 49 Friday morning. Joyce Cochran, 63, was traveling south on Ky. 49 just outside of Liberty when she lost control while going around a curve, according to the collision report. The 2002 Chevy Tracker she was driving crossed the center line, striking the embankment and flipped onto its side, coming to a rest in the roadway, the report states. Cochran was taken by ambulance to Casey County Hospital. Deputy Chad Weddle investigated the accident.

Indictments

■ Continued from front

don shot him in the shoulder and then in the back of the head, killing him.

Salyers drove Rigdon to Tarter Industries on that night after calling Byrd at 9 p.m. to ask if and where Pyles was working, allegedly knowing that Rigdon was going to kill Pyles, court documents state.

Pyles, along with Salyers and Rigdon, and members of the Iron Horsemen motorcycle club, had a running argument over money owed to Salyers and Pyles' desire to quit the Iron Horsemen, Burton testified.

Both Rigdon and Salyers remain in the Casey County Detention Center on a \$1

million bond.

Pyles, 50, of Adair County, had worked at Tarter Manufacturing for about three months as a maintenance man.

Other indictments

■ Bobby Joe Dick, 51, and Michelle Moore, 39, both of 15797 East Ky. 70, Bethelridge, on two charges of first offense second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. Dick and Moore allegedly sold 20 or more hydrocodone pills on May 28 and July 2, the indictment states.

■ Brandon Tyler Shoaf, 26, of 58 Hustonville St., Liberty, on two drug charg-

es of first offense, second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, less than 20 buprenorphine pills on Jan. 5 and Feb. 21.

■ Kari Tamsen Hogue, 27, of 3960 Ky. 49, Liberty, on a charge of first offense, second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, less than 20 hydrocodone pills on May 12.

■ Christopher Richardson Jr., 18, of 363 Trammel St., Liberty, on a charge of first-degree assault in the stabbing of Christopher Perin with a knife on Oct. 22.

Editor's Note: An indictment is a legal accusation and does not establish guilt or innocence.

Casey County couple pleads guilty to meth charges

By Larry Rowell
Staff Writer

years in prison on charges related to manufacturing methamphetamine.

Appearing before Senior Judge Marc I. Rosen on

A Casey County woman may spend as much as eight

POLICE NEWS

Two charged with theft

David Lee Naylor, 40, of 444 R.D. Floyd Road, Eubank, was arrested on Friday by Trooper Bryan Shepard and Deputy Jamie Walters and charged with theft by unlawful taking in three separate incidents. Shepard states in court records that Naylor had in his vehicle two large tractor batteries that he admitted taking from a residence on Fishing Creek Road. Also, Naylor was charged with third-degree burglary and theft by unlawful taking in stealing an air compressor and a pressure washer from a building on Dry Ridge Road. Additionally, Naylor stands accused of theft by unlawful taking in taking a generator from a residence on Calvary Ridge Road.

Two face wildlife violations

■ Alan G. McQueary, 57, of 1926 Old Shopville Road, Somerset, was cited on Saturday by Fish and Wildlife Officer Kalen Gibson and charged with illegal take/pursue deer/wild turkey. McQueary was allegedly deer hunting with a high powered rifle during muzzleloader season and not wearing hunter orange as required. Gibson states in court records that the man had a muzzleloader and hunter orange in his truck.

■ Brent D. Pennington, 43, of 2212 Canoe Creek Road, Liberty, was cited on Saturday for trapping violations by Fish and Wildlife Officer Kalen Gibson. Gibson states that Pennington's traps weren't set at least 10-feet apart, had two foothold traps within two feet apart, a bodygripping trap and snare within two feet, and a snare and a foothold within two feet part. Pennington also had two bodygripping traps set on dry land that have a 10-inch jaw spread, when these traps should only have a maximum 7.5 inch jaw spread.

Woman faces drug charge

Joni Wolford, 31, address unknown, was cited by Deputy Chad Weddle on Sunday at Casey County Hospital and charged with public intoxication excluding alcohol, first-degree first possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, and first offense possession of drug paraphernalia.

Woman faces truancy charge

Misty Bernard, 36, of 345 Wilson Ridge Road, Liberty, was cited for habitual truant on behalf of a juvenile by Deputy Chad Weddle.

Man charged with DUI

Bradlee Tyler Burton, 17, of 143 Scherrer Road, Liberty, was cited on Saturday on South Ky. 501 by Deputy Jamie Walters and charged with DUI under 21 years of age, person under 18 possession/purchase/attempt to purchase/have another purchase alcohol, and reckless driving.

Home burglary reported

Deputy Chad Weddle is investigating a burglary that occurred on Dec. 5 at Derrick Wethington's residence on Upper Brush Creek Road. Wethington told Weddle that someone broke into the back door of his house sometime between 6:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. that night. Items stolen include a Stihl chain saw, Craftsman hand held tool box containing sockets and wrenches, an air tool, cordless Dewalt drill, and two double X Case knives, all valued at \$1,000. Anyone with any information about this burglary is asked to contact the Casey County Sheriff's Office at (606) 787-6821.

Woman reports firearm stolen

Jean Hall of Watson Chapel Road, Liberty, reported to Deputy Jamie Walters that someone entered her residence through a window sometime between Thursday and Friday and took a Ruger .22 pistol with wood grips in a tan leather holster. Anyone with any information about this burglary is asked to contact the Casey County Sheriff's Office at (606) 787-6821.

Auto theft reported

Deputy Jamie Walters states in court records that Andy Haste, of 18123 East Ky. 70, Bethelridge, reported the theft of his girlfriend's gray, 2003 Ford Taurus sometime on Friday around 9 p.m. Walters notified the Pulaski County Sheriff's Dept. who found the vehicle wrecked just across the Casey/Pulaski County line. No one was around the vehicle and the case is still under investigation by the Casey County Sheriff's Dept.

Nov. 28 in Casey County Circuit Court, Celesta Lee Waddle pleaded guilty to first offense manufacturing methamphetamine, amended to criminal solicitation of manufacturing meth.

Casey County Commonwealth's Attorney Brian Wright is recommending that Waddle spend eight years in prison and he opposes probation.

Waddle, 44, of 130 Dillion St., Liberty, was arrested on July 3 by Deputies Dennis Allen and Freeman Luttrell, Sgt. Randy Dial, and Officer Marshall Smith, court records indicate. The arrest citation states that Waddle gave officers consent to search where they found six HCL generators and three, one-step labs along with other items. She was indicted by a Casey County grand jury on Aug. 20.

In a related case, Waddle's husband, Jerold Scott Waddle, pleaded guilty to first offense manufacturing meth, first-degree fleeing or evading police, and operating a motor vehicle on a suspended/revoked operator's license. Charges of careless driving, DUI, and persistent felony offender were dismissed. Wright is recommending that Waddle spend 12 years and six months in prison.

Final sentencing for the couple is set for Jan. 4.

In other cases:

■ Ronnie Frank Parton pleaded guilty to first of-

fense second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, amended to criminal facilitation to trafficking in a controlled substance and eight counts of second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument. Eight counts of persistent felony offender were dismissed. Wright is recommending that Parton spend 12 months in jail, to be served consecutively to two other prior sentences totaling six years. He is also to pay \$2,030 in restitution and forfeit \$1,000 to the Kentucky State Police.

■ Christina Denise Duncan, charged with first offense manufacturing meth, first offense first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and persistent felony offender, was remanded to custody after testing positive to a drug screen.

■ Jamie Lee Sharp was sentenced to three years in prison on charges of third-degree burglary, theft by unlawful taking, and third-degree criminal mischief. He was also sentenced to two additional years in prison on three charges of second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument.

■ Colt Maurice Sagracy pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property under \$10,000, amended to receiving stolen property under \$500. He was sentenced to six months in jail, two years probation, and was ordered

to pay \$444 in restitution.

■ Russell Loring Emerson pleaded guilty to first offense, second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. Wright is recommending 18 months in prison and pay \$310 in restitution. Final sentencing is set for Dec. 17.

■ Brian Kenneth Lynn pleaded guilty to second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument. Final sentencing is set for Dec. 10.

■ Robert William Frazier pleaded guilty to first offense cultivation of marijuana, five or more plants, amended to less than five plants. He was sentenced to 12 months in jail with 60 days to serve.

■ Joseph Thomas Tetreault pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property under \$10,000. He was sentenced to pretrial diversion.

■ Michael A. Tetreault pleaded guilty to third-degree complicity burglary,

and complicity/theft by unlawful taking. He was sentenced to pretrial diversion with 60 days to serve in jail.

■ Timothy Joel Bates was sentenced to 14 years in prison for first offense manufacturing methamphetamine and first offense cultivation of marijuana, five or more plants.

■ Andrew Scott Conner pleaded guilty to theft by unlawful taking. Wright is recommending that Conner spend two years in prison and pay \$3,197 in restitution. Final sentencing is Dec. 17.

■ Tyler Roberts was sentenced to seven years in prison for three counts of first-degree criminal mischief, third-degree burglary, and three counts of theft by unlawful taking. He is also to pay restitution of \$3,023.05.

■ Jeremy L. Wethington was sentenced to three years in prison for flagrant non support.



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Miscellaneous Revenue in the amount of \$478,714.06
and increasing expenditures in the area of Contingency
Reserve for Transfer was adopted by the Casey County
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January 20-February 18

Aquarius, you enjoy social
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have to be the life of the party. Keep
this in mind as you attend holiday
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PISCES

February 19-March 20

Pisces, while others are thinking
about what presents they want under
the tree, you may be thinking of
how to give back to others.

ARIES

March 21-April 19

Aries, you may need to take a leap
of faith when someone close to you
asks for your assistance. Act first
and ask questions later. It will be
worth it.

TAURUS

April 20-May 20

Taurus, there is bound to be a
learning curve when you begin a
new job or a new task. Do not be
hard on yourself if it takes you a
little longer.

GEMINI

May 21-June 21

Gemini, thoughtful reflection
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CANCER

June 22-July 22

Cancer, sad situations may come up,
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LEO

July 23-August 22

Leo, many opportunities to entertain
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New batch of stars to wow judges, audience

Couples dance to raise funds for cheer team

By Amanda Cole
Staff Writer

It's not every day you get to see a coworker do the Fox Trot or West Coast Swing dance.

But the people of Casey County will get to see just that when a new group of local "stars" join the Casey County High School Cheer Team for the third annual "Dancing With the Rebels" this Saturday.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with the competition starting at 7 p.m. in the CCHS gym. "We had a packed house last year," said Cheerleading Coach Susan Stringer. "This is our biggest fundraiser."

The dance contest helps raise the necessary funds for the team to compete in the National High School Cheerleading Championship (NHSCC) in Orlando, Fla., every two years.

"It takes us two years to raise enough money to go; We're going in 2014," Stringer said, adding they need to raise \$27,000 by November 2013.

"Our goal is to raise \$3,500 with this one event," she said. The team raised almost \$3,800 last year.

The 16 contestants — each volunteer paired with a Rebel cheerleader — have prepared for weeks to showcase their dance routines before a panel of judges.

"They've been practicing now for about six weeks, some putting in three or four hours a week," Stringer said. "But one did just agree to this last week, so they're at a bit of

a disadvantage."

Even with the hard work, they're all sure to have a good time.

"They have a blast," Stringer said of the dancers. "Every participant each year has said they're very glad they did it."

The eight couples (see chart) will compete in three dance categories — 50s, 80s, and, for the first time, ballroom dancing. One couple will be named the winner in each category.

The judges this year are Richard Montgomery, Erica Montgomery-Turner and Laura Hebrock. Emcee for the night will be Barry Lee.

Awards will also be given for best costume, most entertaining, best choreography, most original, cutest couple and crowd favorite.

"The audience gets to vote (for crowd favorite) — so bring your cellphone," Stringer said.

The dance team will also hold a silent auction on Saturday during the event.

"We'll have quilts, gift baskets, toys, UK items, gas cards, gift cards and much more," Stringer said.

Concessions will be sold and the poinsettias decorating the gym will also be sold toward the end of the night, she said.

Admission is \$5 for adults and children under age 3 are free.

"It really is a big community event," Stringer said. "All of our dancers are members of the community who are graciously giving up their time to practice and make this a spectacular event."



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CCHS coach and teacher Greg Hammond and cheerleader Shelby Stringer practice their routine for Saturday's competition.

This year's contestants are...

Steven Held and Kelly Coleman
Chris Dalton and Courtney Murphy
Thomas Williams and Jenna McFarland
Adam Ellison and Hallie Kate Phillips
Tim Spears and Mariah Looney
Greg Hammond and Shelby Stringer
Steven Code and LaShay Byrd
Chelly Maupin and Hunter Gillock

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CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

In the Dec. 5 edition, it was reported that Jakob Daniel Dean, 20, of 198 West Wood Drive, Liberty was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Dean was cited, not arrested, for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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